



# Eye on Zion

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## Living the In Between

*Pastor Joel Pancoast*

We spend much of our lives in between. In between jobs, in between stages of life. There are good in-between times: waiting for a birth, or for a wedding day. There are also more difficult in-between times: waiting for a diagnosis, or for a job offer that does not seem to come. Even in those circumstances when the in-between times create excitement and good anticipation, the waiting can be difficult.

Christian faith invites us into a practice of waiting where the “already” of Jesus’ presence among us informs the “not yet” of living in between. We live between Jesus’ incarnation and his return in glory. In between, we clearly see that the world is broken, yet we also see what others may not see: that God’s kingdom is breaking through. Not yet—now.

All of this in-between time in our lives is what makes the season of Advent such an important time in the life of a Christian. Advent is itself an in-between season. Not only is Advent between Thanksgiving and Christmas, it also is all about what has already happened and what has yet to happen. So Advent invites us into a

practice of hopeful anticipation and expectancy. It invites us into watchfulness, to carefully observe the needs of the world, where Jesus’ love may not be known in full, so that we can then fulfill the promise of Christ’s presence and wholeness. Advent reminds us that our waiting is more than passive, as if we just sit still long enough Christmas will be here and all will be well. Jesus’ birth into the world and into our hearts inspires us into active waiting, which means being a part of bringing God’s kingdom and God’s will to others.

This issue of the “Eye on Zion” is an invitation for you to live in between. We live fully in the here and now, with all the joys and sorrows, victories and setbacks of this life. We love and laugh, we get tired and make mistakes, we hurt, we rejoice, we grieve, all while on this journey of life given to us by God. The journey is not alone; it is with the body of Christ. As you read this newsletter, give thanks for the community of faith that God has surrounded you with, and imagine how God might be calling you to bring the “now” of Jesus into the “not yet” of the world.

## The Beatitudes—Blessings for All Who Struggle

*Pastor Joel Pancoast*

In-between times are not always the most comfortable places to be in life. We know there is something better to come, yet we are not quite there. We struggle, we mourn our losses, we long for something more, we witness violence and pain. What does God have to say to all this? In November, our worship will focus on four of the “Beatitudes” found in the gospel according to Matthew. Many have struggled with the translation of the word “blessed” or “happy” in the Beatitudes. How is someone who is poor in spirit happy or blessed when they are struggling? One thing we will notice in the Beatitudes is that when Jesus names particular burdens that people face, he offers words of hope and assurance. It’s as if Jesus says, “I see you. You are not alone. Remember this hope, that the kingdom of heaven and all of God’s abundance belongs to you!”

November 4

“Blessed are the poor in spirit” (Matthew 5:3)  
Luke 18:9-14; Philippians 3:7-14

November 11

“Blessed are those who mourn” (Matthew 5:4)  
Lamentations 3:19-25; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4;  
Revelation 21:1-5

November 18

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness” (Matthew 5:6)  
Isaiah 58:6-9a; Romans 3:21-26

November 25

“Blessed are the peacemakers” (Matthew 5:9)  
Ephesians 4:1-6; Romans 14:13-19

As a visual focus for these Beatitudes, Zion has been blessed with paintings from Pastor Martie McMane, an artist and pastor. Martie McMane is a retired United Church of Christ pastor who in her retirement is using her creativity to share the gospel message of God’s grace through her art. Her hope is that the art may help people to slow down a little and look a little more deeply into what being a follower of Jesus means as well as to reflect on the deeper meanings of Scripture for their lives. In Martie’s 35 years as an ordained minister, she served as a pastor of three churches—in Ohio, Connecticut, and Colorado. She also served on the national staff of the United Church of Christ as a Minister of Spiritual and Membership Growth for the denomination. She has written two books, numerous articles on worship and evangelism, and has several liturgical responses and hymns published. Martie retired in 2016 after serving as the Lead Pastor for First Congregational Church in Boulder for 16 years. She is now a member of Atonement Lutheran Church in Boulder. (She says it’s like “coming home,” as she was baptized and confirmed in St. John’s Lutheran Church in Summit, New Jersey.)

The four prints on the Beatitudes are giclées made from four mixed media canvasses Martie created from May through September. The original pieces each contain a drawing done either with graphite or soft pastel over acrylic paint. To create various textures, some of the canvasses contain handmade papers, stenciling, collaged pieces of Scripture from an old Bible, glass bead medium and modeling paste.

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*The Beatitudes—Blessings for All Who Struggle continued from page 2.*

Martie's intent with these works was to try to evoke a response for the people Jesus was blessing in his sermon on the mount. When Jesus offered these blessings (found in both the gospels of Matthew and Luke) it was a big surprise to people. These were not the people who were normally thought of as "blessed." Her hope is, as you look at the images, you may be moved to wonder and to ask some questions. Questions like:

***Poor in Spirit***—Who are the poor in Spirit? Who is that person with her back to us? Where has she come from? Where is she going? What emotion do you feel when you look at the image? Why would Jesus have called the poor in Spirit blessed?



***Those who Mourn***—Who is that couple who look so sad? Why are they huddled together? What is their loss? Are they both mourning, or only one? Perhaps both, but perhaps only one. Could the other be coming along side to comfort? Who do you know who is mourning? How can they be blessed?



***Those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness***—When we think of "Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness," we most often think first of people like Gandhi, Martin

Luther King, Jr., and Nelson Mandela. Who do you think the child is? What is going on for the child? How could the child be hungering and thirsting for righteousness? What does all the lumber evoke for you? What about the background? What is your response to the child? Are you also among those who hunger and thirst for righteousness? How?



***The Peacemakers***—

Generally, when we think of the "peacemakers" our minds go to the great movers and shakers for world peace: Bishop Tutu, the Dalai Lama, Mother Teresa. How do you think this little one in the painting could be a peacemaker? What kind of person or image would you have chosen to depict a peacemaker? What do the words (which are intentionally obscured) on the wall behind the child evoke? What about that circle on the left-hand side of the painting, and the intimation of the other two circles?



Finally, you might ask, "What are these images and the "Beatitudes" of Jesus inviting me to?" In worship during November, come join the conversation to reflect on what blessing Jesus is inviting you to, especially in such in-between times as you may be living in today.

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## Advent Worship—Living In Between

What does the Christian life look like as we wait in the liminal state between Christ's first and second comings? We wait for the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas, yet we live knowing that He has in fact already come and lives among us now to change our hearts so that we may change the world.

December 2	Actively Waiting	Luke 21:25-36
December 9	Repent and Follow	Luke 3:1-6
December 16	What Then Should We Do?	Luke 3:7-18
December 23	Can They Hear Us Singing?	Luke 1:39-55

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## Children's Music Ministry

*Noelle Bauman*

This fall has been a great start to children's music at Zion. The Sunday school and Zion children's choir have combined to bring a few songs to our worship services, and we are now hard at work on music for the Christmas program. We are looking very forward to what will happen in the next few months. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following events.

### Zion Children's Choir Concert

The Zion children's choir will be presenting their very first concert on December 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the Zion sanctuary. In past years, we have highlighted the children's hard work and desire to praise God during our Sunday worship services. This is continuing, but we still have some children who attend other churches so their attendance is more of a hardship. To share every child's voice, we are holding a concert outside of worship time.

The December 2 concert will act as the culminating performance for the Zion children's choir. Please join us to show support to these wonderful children. They are so excited!

### Christmas Program

Christmas is quickly approaching and so is all of the hustle and bustle that goes with it. This year the Sunday school/children's choir Christmas program will aim to bring balance to the season. The program will be in prose form based on the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas," but adapted to tell the story of Jesus' birth. All of the music will be performed by the children. There will be instruments, song, and dance that prioritize the important parts of this beautiful season.

The program is set for December 16 at the 10:45 a.m. service. If you are interested in volunteering to do costumes, or assist with the Saturday dress-rehearsal on December 15, please contact [noelle@zionloveland.com](mailto:noelle@zionloveland.com).

I want to give special thanks to the children's choir volunteers who help make these months so enjoyable! ESTHER LUCERO, KATHY PANCOAST, and PAM STEVENS have brought warmth to my heart and to the hearts of the kids. They continue to have grace, patience, and understanding, but most of all they are amazing examples of Christ's love for everyone in this world.



## Music Ministry

*Adam Torres*

I hope that during the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas that you are able to find the right balance between the hustle and bustle during the holidays and finding enough time to catch your breath and reflect on the spirit of the seasons. Advent and Christmas are wonderful seasons in our church year, filled with promises of joy, hope for all mankind, and a belief in tomorrow that has manifested through the birth of Christ so many years ago in a countryside barn, the most unlikely of places for the Savior of the world to come from. In our sermon series “Living the In Between,” we’ll be exploring the messages of hope and joy juxtaposed against living in the now and looking toward the future. I hope to see you at Zion as we prepare for Christmas and beyond.

The music ministry at Zion will be quite active during this time, offering its usual music leadership in worship on Sundays, as well as each Christmas Eve service. On December 16, our children’s music ministry will feature our Sunday school students and the children’s choir in their Christmas program at the 10:45 a.m. service. On Christmas Eve, in addition to the bell choir, praise band, and chancel choir, we’ll have special music from professional musicians for the Christmas Eve eventide service that beautifully captures the intimate and reflective nature of that worship experience. We’ll have other special musicians in and out in the next few months, familiar and new faces alike. The holidays are an incredibly busy time of year for everyone, but please take a moment to say thank you to our music staff for their extra time in December: Noelle, Kathy, and Thomas. For me, in addition to our extra services at Zion, December holds multiple holiday orchestra concerts (some of which I produce,

write a script for, and promote!), an annual out-of-state Christmas recital, more Nutcracker performances per year than I can count on one hand, piano student recitals/performance, and I know that our other music staff are equally saturated in their winter schedules.

I often feel during the holidays that I am living “in between,” saturated in spreading the joy of Christ through music, but often everything feels transitory and fleeting because I do not have the opportunity to sit and listen to great music-making or to reflect on the spirit of the season. This is something I have dedicated myself to make time for in December 2018, and I would challenge you during our upcoming Advent season to find successful strategies for finding beauty and meaning beyond living “in between.” Perhaps that is through performing music (consider offering your voice to our choir, or donating your time as a volunteer to our children’s choir this holiday season!), listening to music, seeking the joy of giving through presents to friends and family, seeking the joy of giving through charitable contributions, finding the love of fellowship by being active in the Zion community or any other organization, focusing on the hope of Christ through the celebration of His birth, or focusing on the hope for humanity given to us by the grace of God. However you choose to spend the holiday, I hope that you will find the manifestation of God’s love through our seasonal themes of love, joy, hope, and peace, followed by new beginnings symbolized by New Year’s Day.

As always, thank you for your support of the music ministry, especially during the busiest time of the year! Be safe, be well, safest of travels, and thank you for being a part of our mission at Zion Lutheran Church.

## Internship

*Intern Pastor Courtney Steitz*

The first two months of my internship here at Zion have flown by! I have so appreciated my time at Zion so far; both Andy and I are so thankful for your warm welcome and hospitality. You have been so gracious as we have gotten to know your names, your families, and a little bit about you. I have so enjoyed, and learned from, the opportunity to worship alongside you, share in Bible study, and to participate in various church meetings.

I've also greatly appreciated the opportunities to preach and to assist in worship, and the helpful feedback and kind words from Pastor Sonja, Pastor Joel, my internship committee, and you. Despite several preaching classes in seminary, I've realized that it is a very different experience to preach and lead worship in front of an actual congregation. As part of preparing for Sunday preaching and worship, I have also enjoyed getting to know and learn with the Zion Bible study participants. I have been so blessed and enriched to hear your insights about scriptural text and how it applies to your life.

Another one of my internship goals is growing in my understanding of church management. While seminaries thoroughly teach Bible and theology,

often church administration and management get a backseat. I'm already learning so much in these areas, and realizing how much more study is required, as I attend council meetings, learn about stewardship, and participate in staff meetings.

I have also greatly appreciated the time I've spent with Zion confirmation students, in class and at Urban Plunge. It is an important learning experience for me to get to sit in and teach during the Confirmation classes. Zion has a unique approach to Confirmation, and I'm grateful to be completing internship at a church that takes faith formation so seriously. Likewise, becoming acquainted with Zion's middle school students and their families has been a joy. I am looking forward to continuing to learn more about Confirmation and teen faith formation and how they are lived out in this congregation.

While I have only completed two months of my one-year internship, already, I am so grateful for the opportunity to be in the Zion community and the warm welcome I have received. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you better and to learn from all of you in the coming year.

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## Caroling in the Community

On Sunday, December 16, the Zion chancel choir will hold a caroling event, but we need your help! We will focus on caroling to those who are homebound or in nursing homes, and we encourage you to take part in helping the joy of music find its way in halls beyond Zion. We will begin at 1:30 p.m. with fellowship and a run-through of music. Light snacks will be provided but feel free to bring something to share. At the time of this newsletter printing, we do not have a

formal schedule in place, but the plan is to carol between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at different locations.

If you have homebound names for consideration, please contact the church office. If you are interested in singing, or perhaps playing a mobile instrument (flute, clarinet, etc.), please contact [music@zionloveland.com](mailto:music@zionloveland.com). Thank you, and we look forward to sharing the gift of music with the Loveland community during the holidays!

## **Worship Schedules**

### **Thanksgiving—Blue Christmas—Christmas**

#### **Thanksgiving Eve Worship**

Trinity Lutheran Church, 3333 Duffield Avenue, Loveland, CO

Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.

Pie social and auction following worship

We join with Trinity and King of Glory for our Thanksgiving Eve worship. PASTOR JOEL PANCOAST will be preaching accompanied by a joint choir from King of Glory, Trinity, and Zion.

CALLING ALL BAKERS.

A pie social will follow and everyone is invited to bring a pie to share.

We will also have a pie auction to raise money for Habitat for Humanity Faith Builds.

If you are a baker, bring one of your pie specialties to auction off for a great cause.

If you need a pie for Thanksgiving dinner come and bid on some amazing pies.

Bonus: The highest bidder will get to throw a pie in the face of the pastor of the congregation with the lowest bids raised.

*Come for worship.*

*Bake a pie to auction.*

*Buy a pie so that Pastor Joel does not have pie on his face.*

#### **Blue Christmas Service on the Longest Night**

Zion Lutheran Church

Friday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.

Often people find themselves feeling blue during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. The loss of loved ones, broken relationships, job loss, and even the lengthening days can lead people to feel more blue than usual. We see the lights and the holiday cheer all around us and our darkness feels even stronger. On December 21, we join with King of Glory and Trinity to acknowledge that sadness (blueness) and give thanks for the light of Christ who brings hope and light in the midst of our darkness.

#### **Christmas Eve Worship**

Zion Lutheran Church

Monday, December 24

We celebrate the birth of Jesus our Savior on Christmas Eve at three worship services.

4:00 p.m.—Contemporary family-oriented worship with special music by the praise band

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

10:30 p.m.—Eventide worship with special music by Joshua Schairer in a wind quartet

All worship services will have communion and candlelight.

Nursery is available at the 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. worship services.

## Faith Formation

*Madeline Fairfax*

### Advent Retreat at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp

November 30—December 2

Registration deadline: November 15

Cost: \$80 per adult, \$50 per child, or \$250 max per family

Registration is available online at: <http://www.skyranchcolorado.org/advent-retreat>

Guests of all ages are invited to join together for the 2018 Advent Retreat!

We invite you to take advantage of this important season and grow closer to God with your family through fellowship, activities, music, and time together.

Begin this Advent at Sky Ranch in a time of reflection and preparation for the birth of our Savior.



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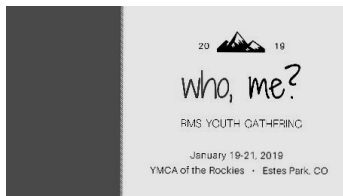
## Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering 2019

Saturday, January 19-Monday, January 21, 2019

at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park

Registration deadline: form and payment due to Madeline by Sunday, November 25

Cost: \$180, checks made out to Zion. If you would like a scholarship, let Madeline know ASAP.



This year the youth gathering will feature separate tracks for middle school and high school youth.

Six young adult speakers will share their stories of calling and vocation, as related to our theme verses from Psalms, Romans, Ephesians, and Matthew, in short TEDtalk-style presentations. Youth will be engaged in worship and workshops around the themes of

vocation and calling. They will leave the gathering reminded that God actively calls them to use their gifts and live out their faith in the world in a unique way.

See the Faith Formation bulletin board for forms and flyer.

See email for registration information and links.

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## Faith Formation

*Madeline Fairfax*



### **L2F2 BINGO Night for all ages**

Friday, November 16

6:00-8:00 p.m.

King of Glory Lutheran Church

Sign up on your blue connections sheet at worship to RSVP or let Madeline know by Sunday November 11. Bring a soup or salad to share. We'll gather for fun BINGO games with prizes! Anyone can play!

### **Middle School Movie Night**

Saturday, November 10

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Gather for a fun movie night with snacks! We will vote for your favorite movie choice at Confirmation on November 4.

See the Faith Formation bulletin board for sign up and location.

### **High School Climbing Night**

Monday, November 26

5:00-9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15

RSVP to Madeline by Sunday, November 18.

Meet at the gym at 1503 Taurus Court, Loveland.

All high school youth and friends are invited to High School Climbing Night at Wooden Mountain Bouldering Gym. Test out your courage on the rock climbing walls and encourage each other to try something new!

Cost of \$15 includes climbing, shoe rental, and two slices of pizza.

### **L2F2 Middle School Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 9

Noon-2:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

All middle school youth are invited for lunch and games to celebrate Christmas!

We will also have a gift exchange; please bring a small wrapped gift under \$5.

### **L2F2 High School Christmas Party**

Friday, December 14

6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Elder's Home

5225 Fallgold Drive, Loveland

We will gather together for dinner and Christmas fun, including a small gift exchange!

Please bring two or three very small wrapped gifts (no more than \$1-\$3 apiece).

See the Faith Formation bulletin board in late November for sign-up details.

RSVP to Madeline at 419 270 6233 by December 9.



**A youth tests  
her courage  
on the rock  
climbing wall.**

## Faith Formation

*Madeline Fairfax*

### **Young Adult Trivia Night at Verboten Brewing Co.**

Wednesday, November 7

6:30-8:30 p.m.

All young adults who are 21+ are invited for a fun trivia night!

Meet by 6:15 p.m. so we can find seats together.  
RSVP to Pastor Sonja or Madeline by Sunday  
November 4.

### **Young Adult Winter Gathering**

Friday, January 4

6:30 p.m. at McGraff's

All young adults are invited to gather together for dinner to celebrate the new year!

Dinner and nonalcoholic beverages provided by Zion. Please RSVP to Madeline by December 30.

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## Bella Notte Youth Fundraiser Dinner

Sunday, February 3

Dinner service beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Make your reservation by Sunday, January 27!

**BELLA NOTTE**  
*a beautiful night for giving*

All are invited to join us for a Beautiful Night for Giving!

Dinner reservations will be taken beginning in early January for a homemade three-course meal, served by our amazing youth! All proceeds from this dinner will be used toward middle school and high school youth programming.

Thank you for supporting our youth as they grow in faith!

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## Bridge Ministry for Adults Over 55

Sunday, November 18

Program Topics:

Resources for Seniors and Caregivers

Potluck at 12:15 p.m. at King of Glory

Tuesday, December 18

Christmas Luncheon

Meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Ranch, Loveland

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## Faith Formation

*Madeline Fairfax*

### Advent Workshop for All Ages

Sunday, November 25

9:40-10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



All ages are invited to share in fun, hands-on Advent preparations the Sunday before Advent begins.

There will be several stations for crafts, devotions, and other take-home projects.

No RSVP required, but please let Madeline know if you plan to participate, so that enough materials will be provided.

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### Rent-A-Youth

Thank you to the following people for hosting work projects for our youth:

RONDA BUCK, PAUL AND SUZANNE BUNKER, FLORENCE AND ALAN DOKSANSKY, SUSAN AND JIM LINDEN, GUNNEL AND STIG ORESJO, KEVIN AND LORA PATRICK, PAUL AND DEBORAH PRICE, CONNIE WAHLERS, AND CINDY WARREN.

Our middle school and high school youth received over \$1,000 in donations for their work. This money is used in addition to the Zion budget to make youth ministry possible.

### Sky Ranch Sunday

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Join us as we celebrate our partner in ministry, Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp. Generations of Zion members have had the opportunity to encounter Christ on the mountaintop at Sky Ranch. This Sunday, we will collect a special offering at both services to facilitate scholarships for Zion youth who will be Sky Ranch campers during summer 2019.

Last year we sent thirty-one Zion youth to camp, and many of these youth were able to participate due to scholarships provided from Zion. If you are unable to attend on January 13, but would like to contribute to the special offering, you may place checks in the offering plate at any worship with "Sky Ranch Camperships" in the memo line. Thank you for your support of outdoor ministry for our children and youth.

Please join us in prayer for Sky Ranch staff as they prepare for another summer of intentional ministry with young people from across Colorado and the country!



**Zion's youth earned over \$1,000 in donations for their work. Kudos to our kids!**

## Fall Festival

Thanks to everyone who attended the Fall Festival and to DENNIS AND JEAN KUEHL for hosting!



Fall Festival Fun  
The proof is  
in the pictures.





## Zion youth are confirmed on Reformation Sunday

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.

### Fischer Peach

Helping with Sunday School and Vacation Bible School

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*—PSALM 119:105

### Beilynn Geiss

Liturgical Art Work

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*

—MICAH 6:8

### Autumn Vrem

Liturgical Art Work / A Place for Prayer

*Our steps are made firm by the LORD, when he delights in our way; though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the LORD holds us by the hand.*

—PSALM 37:23-24

*For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Do not fear, I will help you."*

—ISAIAH 41:13

### Bailey Vrem

Clothing Exchange / Giving

*You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your record?*—PSALM 56:8



Congratulations to Zions's 2018 Confirmands.

### Celebrating Faith Formation Milestones at Zion this Fall

Entry into Sunday School—LEIGHA B, HIATT C, ASCHER C, BLAKE H.

Entry into Confirmation—RYLEE D, HANNAH P, GABE T, KATE W.

Third Grade Bible Recipients—ANNALIESE B, COOPER D, CASSEY V, NICK W.

## Zion Staff Having Fun—Now that's the team spirit!

In September, most of the Zion staff participated in an Escape Room experience as a way of growing together as a team and appreciating each other's personalities and gifts. This escape room was inspired by the Salem Witch Trials. The goal was to work together to solve different riddles and puzzles and discover who the witch was before one hour had passed. We solved it and escaped in 55 minutes and 43 seconds, with just minutes to spare! Little did we know that the witch was a member of our own group!



Pictured in the photo: KB Benstock, Thomas Chen, Ronda Buck, Lindsey Walter, Pastor Sonja Pancoast, Stig (the witch) Oresjo, Pastor Joel Pancoast, Noelle Bauman, Madeline Fairfax, Intern Pastor Courtney Steitz (not pictured: Adam Torres).

## Sermons are available online and as a podcast

Do you ever miss worship on Sunday and want to hear the sermon as you're driving or doing housework? Or, maybe you made it to worship but want to hear something again from the sermon that caught your attention. STIG ORESJO, Zion's Worship Technology Coordinator, records the sermon every Sunday morning, and most often it is already available online or on the SoundCloud app before the 10:45 a.m. worship is over!

Find sermons every week in one of the following two ways:

1. Go to [www.zionloveland.com](http://www.zionloveland.com), hover over the "Worship" tab at the top of the page, and click "Sermons." From that page, you can listen to almost any sermon back to May 2014, listed from the most recent back.
2. Download the "SoundCloud" app from your app store, then search "Zionloveland." Once you've found Zion's station, you can "Follow" it, and SoundCloud will notify you whenever a new sermon is added.



SoundCloud Symbol

If you have feedback or are having trouble accessing sermons through either of these means, please call the church office. This is a great way to keep up with the Word of God regularly, and to share the Word with your family and friends!

## “Flip Sunday” Change

At the August meeting of Zion’s congregational council, it was decided that Zion will discontinue the practice of “Flip Sundays” for the year. This decision was not made lightly, and came after much discussion—with council, staff, and after receiving feedback throughout August from over fifty regular worshipers. The council reviewed each person’s comments.

“Flip Sunday” was the practice of flipping the styles of worship, so that on every third Sunday of the month, contemporary worship led by the band was at 8:15 a.m. and traditional worship led with organ, choir, and bells was at 10:45 a.m. On other Sundays of the month, the regular schedule was to hold traditional worship at 8:15 a.m. and contemporary worship at 10:45 a.m.

The council’s decision was based on four main reasons:

1. Staff and Volunteer Musicians—“Flip Sundays” take extra work to prepare and places a greater burden on everyone who plans worship, from office to projection to musicians. Our volunteer musicians found it difficult to transition, and some chose not to participate, which made the overall quality of music in worship lower on those third Sundays.
2. Visitors—As we try to be more welcoming and hospitable, we have often heard from visitors that they are confused by “Flip Sunday.” Though we publicize and tell visitors, they find it difficult to remember

that it happens each third Sunday, leaving them confused or anxious.

3. Congregational Feedback—The response from Zion members was more than two-to-one in favor of discontinuing “Flip Sunday.” Though the council did not consider only the numbers (because undoubtedly there are many with an opinion who did not share it), the amount of feedback and what people said was certainly important in their consideration.
4. Theology of Worship—Finally, it is important to note that while preference for worship is important, it is not the only thing. God is at work in our worship regardless of our personal preferences, and the council felt that moving to a consistent schedule allows everyone (staff, musicians, and worship participants) to give our best to God so that God can be at work in our hearts.

Starting September 9, Zion’s worship moved to a consistent weekly schedule of traditional worship at 8:15 a.m. and contemporary worship at 10:45 a.m. Some will be disappointed with this change. If you have any concerns or would like more information, please talk to any member of council. We would appreciate any feedback. Council would also like to thank everyone who gave feedback earlier. The feedback is helpful for us to see the character of our church and help us discern God’s mission for Zion.

## Endowment Committee

*Kyle Knutson*

### Great Gift Away Nominations Requested

Great Gift Away is an opportunity through Zion's endowment fund to both share God's abundance and invest for future opportunities. In anticipation of a birthday, you may have received letters from the endowment committee giving thanks for this milestone in your life, and inviting you to give thanks to God for each year of your life by contributing \$1 (plus or minus) to the Great Gift Away ministry for each year being celebrated.

Each year, the endowment committee is blessed to invest half of these contributions in the endowment fund, ensuring that we can embrace a healthy, long-term, mission-oriented identity for many years to come. Of the other half of these funds contributed each year, it is the goal of the endowment committee to invest in ministries within both the congregation and the broader community. In previous years, we have supported agencies such as Alternatives to Violence, Habitat for Humanity, Project Self-Sufficiency, WFC

Prison Ministry, Boy Scout Troop 314, Primrose Place and Heritage Haus, KidsPak, and it has helped purchase items within Zion's ministry like a digital projector, a vacuum cleaner, and art supplies.

Thanks to your generosity, we will be looking at giving funds out in 2019. We are currently taking suggestions for these funds. Please leave a note with the endowment committee either through the connections sheet in the Sunday worship bulletin, or with the church office. The money we receive during the year is split so that half is invested and half is given out in the community. Thank you for the sharing of your generosity through Great Gift Away. Through your gifts, we are able to share with others and more deeply embrace our identity as a caring community of faith.

### End-of-Year Giving Opportunities

If you would like to make a special year-end gift that will provide for lasting ministry through Zion Lutheran Church for many years to come, here are two options that may improve your tax situation:

1. Donate Stocks or Mutual Funds—Contributing securities to Zion's endowment fund offers valuable financial and tax benefits.

Donors may deduct the entire value of the securities as a charitable donation.

Donors avoid paying capital gains tax on any increased value of the securities.

If you are interested in making an end-of-year gift to Zion via stocks or mutual funds, it is important that you not sell the securities first. Please contact Zion's office for more information.

2. Charitable IRA Rollover—Many donors have discovered the benefits of making a gift using their Individual Retirement Account (IRA). If you are 70½ or older, you may be interested in this way to make a significant gift while lowering the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. The benefits of an IRA charitable rollover are as follows:

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Donors avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to Zion Lutheran Church.

Donors satisfy your required minimum distribution for the year.

The gift reduces the donor's taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions.

A charitable IRA rollover is not subject to the 50 percent deduction limits on charitable gifts.

*You make a real and lasting difference in the ministry of Zion!*

Please consult with your financial advisor or your CPA / tax accountant, as laws and regulations often change.

## Sky Ranch Summer Staff and Seasonal Retreat Cabin

On July 30, construction began on the new summer staff and seasonal retreat cabin at Sky Ranch! The cabin will have four bedrooms with bathrooms capable of housing 32 summer staff. It will also include a large meeting room and two exterior bathrooms to service the other cabins on the western edge of camp. Though completion was set back from the goal to have construction of the new building completed by late this fall, the work has continued despite the snow in early October.

Sky Ranch received a generous gift from an anonymous donor that made this project possible as a way to support and enhance Sky Ranch's growing camper and retreat ministries. To complete this cabin, new water lines, septic and leach fields, and electrical upgrades were necessary. As a way of honoring Zion's long and fruitful relationship with Sky Ranch, Zion's endowment committee committed \$5,000 for these infrastructure needs.

With summer camp numbers increasing steadily, relocating staff beyond the center of camp will provide two additional cabins in the center for camper use, and another cabin for adult sponsor use. Additionally, during non-summer months, retreat groups will be able to use this new heated cabin.



**Work on the new cabin at Sky Ranch continued despite the October snowfall.**

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## Glimpses of the Kingdom Here and Now

*Pastor Sonja Pancoast*

We live in an in-between world. We know that God in Christ has triumphed over sin, death, and the devil through his death and resurrection on the cross. However, we often see so much pain and brokenness in our world. We wait for the time when Christ will come again and there will be no more sickness, no more tears, no more death. While we wait, we see glimpses of God at work here and now in our world. One of the ways that we are blessed to see God is through our partnership with Monroe Elementary.

This fall many of our members have been active in various ways at Monroe, including giving time and resources for homework kits for fourth graders, back-to-school night sack suppers, partners in education ice cream social, parent teacher conference soup supper for teachers, painting the hallways, helping in classrooms,

providing clothes, leading the children at children's music ministry, teaching a hand-sewing class, and so much more. One of the amazing things about God's kingdom is that the more that we give of ourselves the more we are filled and see God all around us.

Monroe is very appreciative of the partnership we share and over and over they express their gratitude. The truth is that it is we who are blessed as we work together to make a difference. We get to see glimpses of God's kingdom here and now while we live in the in-between times and wait for the time when Christ will come again and make all things new.

We thank God for this opportunity to partner with Monroe in these in-between times.

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*We just attended the back to school event at Monroe Elementary. Thank you so much for the dinner in the bag! That was so nice of all of you to do that! Take care and thanks again!*

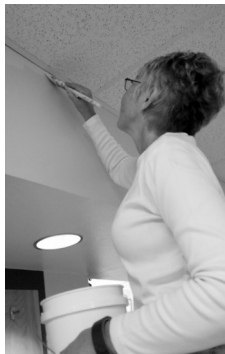
*Written in behalf of  
Warren Otto Kronfuss  
of Mrs. Shaffer's  
kindergarten class*



*Thank you Zion members who continue to go above and beyond taking care of the teachers at Monroe during conferences. We are blessed by a wonderful partnership!*

**Zion volunteers assembled homework kits for Monroe's fourth grade students, handed out sack suppers at the back-to-school night, and provided a lineup of crock pots full of nutritious soups for the teachers on parent teacher conference night.**





On a day the students had off from school, Zion's crew of painters transformed the Monroe hallways from blah to shades of blue and yellow, the school's colors.



Again, Monroe expressed their gratitude in a most public way.

## Thompson Valley Preschool Awarded Highest Quality Rating

Zion is grateful to share the house just to the west of our main building with Thompson Valley Preschool. Thompson Valley Preschool has served the Loveland area since 1973 by providing affordable access to a high-quality early childhood educational program for school readiness. The preschool is unique as it is educationally focused and gives all children the opportunity for participation through sliding scale tuition and scholarships.

Every three years, Thompson Valley Preschool participates in a quality rating to ensure it is providing and maintaining a high-quality program for the children and families in the community. The preschool is proud to announce it has achieved a Level 5 rating from Colorado Shines, the State of Colorado's Quality Rating Improvement System for early care and education programs for children 5 years of age and younger. Level 5 is the highest level of recognition and indicates the hard work and dedication required to be a quality program. They attribute their success due to the support of their board of directors, staff, the Early Childhood Council of Larimer County, and their families.

If you are interested in learning more about Thompson Valley Preschool, call Gail Yant, executive director, for information or to make a visit. You can also visit the website at [www.thompsonvalleypreschool.org](http://www.thompsonvalleypreschool.org).

## Serving God's People In Between

Living in between calls us to shine Christ's light into the world, so that the "now" of Christ's promise becomes a reality in spite of the "not yet" of his return in glory. As a congregation, we are intimately involved in almost every agency in Loveland that serves those in need, including but not limited to House of Neighborly Service, Habitat for Humanity, Community Kitchen, Salvation Army, and KidsPak.

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Every year, Zion's congregational council directs King Soopers dollars toward two causes. One is ELCA World Hunger, which has been one of the causes supported by Zion's King Soopers funds for seven years, since we have been receiving funds from King Soopers gift cards obtained at Zion. The other half of these funds for the next year will go toward KidsPak. 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 meets the nutritional requirements for children. The program partners with the Food Bank for Larimer County to create a specific menu each week to meet these needs. They currently serve 39 schools (early childhood, elementary, middle, and high schools), and are serving approximately 620 packs of food each week, projected to serve nearly 20,000 packs for 2018. If you are interested in helping pack food bags, you can join them on Wednesdays for 30 minutes at 9:00 a.m. at the back of the Food Share building at 2600 North Lincoln.

Zion is also involved heavily with House of Neighborly Service (HNS), contributing financially every year, as well as providing food and clothing through special appeals. PASTOR JOEL serves on the HNS board of directors, and Zion's IHN Coordinators are RICH MARQUARDT, FRAN RIVERS, AND RUTH SPRAIN. Thanks to the hospitality of the Zion community, we host homeless families in our building on a regular rotation through Angel House / Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), one of the programs of HNS. As of August, Angel House had served 26 families and 46 individuals.

Finally, the Zion community serves at the Community Kitchen every second Tuesday of the month, starting at 10:30 a.m. and serving through lunch. Community Kitchen serves over 50,000 meals annually to anyone who is hungry, without any qualification. If you are interested in serving with the Zion community or have questions, contact FRAN SHELLEY.

During this in-between season, consider serving through one of these incredible agencies. Not only will you be part of bringing God's kingdom into the world, but you will experience joy and fulfillment.



## Life Choices Job Opportunity

**Do you want to work for a ministry?**

**Are you passionate about LIFE?**

**Do you love working with teenagers?**

If you answered “yes” to these questions, consider working for Life Choices. We are currently in need of part-time educators / presenters to teach in classrooms in the Northern Colorado area.

### **Educator / Presenter**

The Educator / Presenter has the responsibility to teach sexual risk avoidance curriculum in public and private school classrooms in Northern Colorado. Applicant must be willing to drive to at least two of the following areas to present: Larimer, Weld, Adams, and Boulder county schools. This is a part-time position.

If you would like to learn more about this job opening, please contact Kathy Roberts at [kathy.r@lifechoices.org](mailto:kathy.r@lifechoices.org) or 303-651-2050.

Life Choices helps women and men who are in need of free services related to pregnancy and sexual health.

Life Choices is a 501(c)(3) charitable, nonprofit organization, serving the Northern Colorado region. We are funded primarily by the generosity of compassionate and concerned individuals, businesses, and churches in our communities. We provide free and confidential services.

Life Choices has served Northern Colorado communities for 34 years, beginning in Longmont in 1984. In 2001 we opened a second center location in Loveland, Colorado. In 2006 we opened a third center location in Thornton, Colorado, that serves the Denver North Metro area communities. On October 1, 2012, Open Arms Pregnancy Center merged with Life Choices to open the Brighton center location.



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## Among Members and Friends

### At Rest in Our Father's House

*We keep in prayer the family and friends of Anneliese Zimmerman who died on August 24, 2018, and whose funeral was September 4 at Zion.*

### For Those Who Mourn

*Cindy, Lisa, Joel and Jamie Vosberg at the death of their aunt Marilyn.*

*Del and Naomi Milbrath at the death of Del's sister Evelyn and the death of their nephew Dale.*

*Tim and Sarah DePumpo at the death of Tim's twin sister Kate.*

*Paul and Sandi Tunesvick at the death of their niece Shannon.*

*Mike and Linda Tegeder at the death of Mike's brother Leo.*

*Darlene Theiking at the death of her husband Wayne.*

### Joyous Celebration of Marriage

*We rejoice with those who have joined together as one:*

*Chloe Allen and Devon McHugh who were married on August 18 at the Foote Lagoon in Loveland.*

*Scott Hiller and Samantha Davis who were married on September 14 at Brookside Gardens.*

### Thanksgiving and Celebration

*We rejoice with:*

*Chas and Afton Farasyn at the birth of their son Graham.*

*Robert and Alyssa Samelson at the birth of their son Henry.*

*Ken and Ruth Vick at the birth of their great-grandson Nathan.*

*Janice Ehlers at the birth of her granddaughter Kennedy.*

*Justin and Maddie Dennis at the birth of their son Liam.*

*Blanca Lujan at the birth of her son Adida.*

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

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## Among Members and Friends

*Dear Zion Lutheran Church,*

*The Loveland Lions Club would like to sincerely thank your church and congregation members JESSICA AND JACOB KUHN for all of your help with our Kenyan Orphan Benefit Garage Sale. We could not have raised the \$5,200 without the generous loaning of your tables and the Kuhns' volunteering of hard work and yard space. With the money raised from this benefit sale, we will install water tanks and gutters at Pap-Ndege Primary School, build 65 desks for the school, and continue funding tuition for five orphaned high school students. We hope to continue this valuable relationship that brings our community together for the good of those less fortunate.*

*Thanks and Blessings,  
Kyla Omollo  
Kenyan Orphan Project  
Committee Chair*

*Zion Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you for serving our organization [Mosaic] during God's Work. Our Hands.*

***Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.—1 PETER 4:10***

*Blessings,  
Amanda Hamilton*



*Thank you.*

*I am thankful to all for the concerns, phone calls, the beautiful cards with the get well messages and prayers. It was wonderful to be thought of after surgery and I greatly appreciate being a part of the Zion community.*

*Thank you  
Arlene Roney*

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### Thank You Letters to Zion

- August 29, 2018—From Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp for a gift of \$525.
- September 25, 2018—From Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado for a donation of \$125.
- October 10, 2018—From Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp for a wonderful gift of \$5,000 to help with needed upgrades to the infrastructure at Sky Ranch.

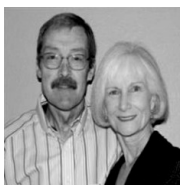
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### Thank you to Zion's Funeral Ladies

Marlow Brewer	Arlene Roney
Lois Jurgens	Jean Vosberg
Teresa Majeski	Carol Ward
Rhonda McCaughey	Cindy Warren
Elaine Nichols	Ann Watson

To you and many others, we say thank you for all that you do to help our funerals and building functions run smoothly. You are SO appreciated.

## Whodunnit?



Do you ever wonder who trims the weeds and trees on Zion's grounds? Who maintains the flower planters? Who shops for Sunday school supplies without being asked to do so? Who is among Zion's Monroe volunteers who also provide at Zion-hosted funerals?



Who attends to the bulletin board displays? Who built the new pew racks? Who installed the security cameras? And so much more!



These are among the tasks that may seem small but make a big difference, and we'd like to acknowledge the people who so often go unrecognized because their support is so behind the scenes. We do so at the risk of overlooking others who also contribute and for that we apologize. In so many ways Zion functions well due to its volunteers. We value and appreciate all of you.



As we enter the season of thankfulness, we extend this special thank you to those who are *always* willing to lend an *extra* helping hand.



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## **L.I.F.T. (Ladies in Fellowship Together)**

*Phyllis Zimmerman*

Our Zion ladies lunch group has had a very good year of lifting up each other's spirits when getting together the fourth Tuesday of most every month at a restaurant that has a semiprivate dining area. We have over forty names on our calling list, and at most get-togethers we have up to thirty ladies who attend each time. (This number is about the limit for any restaurant to be able to accommodate us.)

We are thankful that we have been able to keep enjoying this special time together. L.I.F.T. has been a real blessing to widows, single ladies, and other ladies who also enjoy meeting with us. On a personal note, I appreciate the kind words of gratitude for the calls I make to the ladies each month.

We do not meet in November but instead meet early in December to celebrate Jesus' birthday along with our L.I.F.T. birthdays for the year.

**Save the Date**—We will meet Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at the Golden Corral Buffet. Following our meal, we will be entertained by Phyllis' son Douglas Zimmerman, who will perform a magic show—a special treat for the birthday party.

God Blesses Us Everyday!



**Phyllis Zimmerman coordinates the monthly L.I.F.T. get-togethers.**

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## **Communion for the Homebound**

Home Communion has been a blessing for Zion member ALVINIA BLEHM. Alvinia really appreciates her Home Communion Minister PHYLLIS ZIMMERMAN coming to her home most every month for five years.



**Alvinia Blehm celebrated her 90th birthday on March 10.**

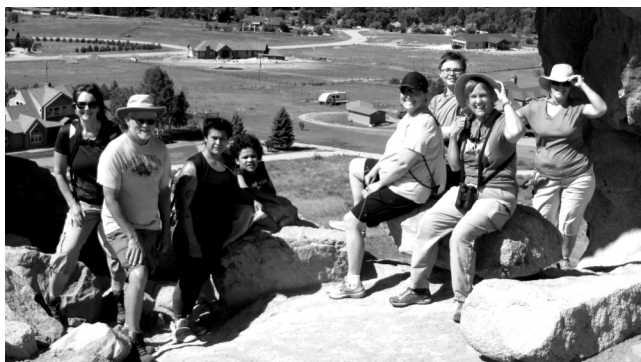
On March 10, 2018, Alvinia celebrated her 90th birthday, and Phyllis made it extra special by bringing a birthday balloon and flowers along with Zion's devotional booklet "Christ in our Home." Phyllis likes to make Communion special for Alvinia by setting up Communion with whatever season we're in and lighting a candle representing Jesus as the Light of the World.

Alvinia also enjoys reading the Communion liturgy along with Phyllis before they share Communion. They both enjoy this special time as they've been friends for many years. Alvinia was also a special friend of Phyllis' mother-in-law Elizabeth. They share many good memories from the past of our church, families, and friends so their visits are extra special. Alvinia enjoys having Phyllis stay for coffee and a little treat before the next Home Communion visit.



**Alvinia Blehm sits at the Communion table set up in her home.**

***God Bless my friend Alvinia!  
Love, Phyllis***



Led by Deborah Price, the group hiked at Devil's Backbone on a beautiful August day.



## **Pastels on 5th Fundraiser**

*Jessica Kuhns*

On September 8, I participated in the annual pastels on 5th fundraiser for Alternatives to Violence (ATV). This was my fifth year participating and my second with Zion as my sponsor. I love this event as it brings the community together in a fun and unique way to support a worthy cause. I enjoy donating my time and talent while meeting new people and seeing friends. Thank you to everyone who stopped by that day to see the art and participate in the festivities. This year ATV raised about \$50,000—their best year yet!



## **2019 Rocky Mountain Synod Events to Note**

### **Middle School and High School Youth Gathering**

**January 19-21, 2019**

This year's theme, "Who, Me?" explores the fearfully and wonderfully made person that God created and then digs a little deeper to learn how God calls each and every one of us to live our gifts in the world. Come get excited about living out your baptismal calling in ways you may have never expected.

### **Campus Ministry Sunday**

**February 10, 2019**

Invite a student preacher to your congregation! Students who preach have a broad range of interests and majors from engineering to business to music performance and beyond. The vulnerability of preaching to a congregation is never easy, and these students do a great job sharing the gospel!

### **2019 Synod Assembly**

**May 3-5, 2019**

Our annual assembly of congregational representatives and rostered leaders in the culmination of our year together. Through worship, presentations, workshops, business, conversation, and laughter, we join our voices, literally, to proclaim that we are, together, the Body of Christ, alive and active in the world. Information will be posted at [www.rmsselca.org](http://www.rmsselca.org).

[rmsselca.org](http://rmsselca.org)

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**ELCA, EPISCOPAL, AND CATHOLIC CHURCH LEADERS ISSUE STATEMENT ON EAST JERUSALEM HOSPITALS**

CHICAGO (Nov. 1, 2018)—The Presiding Bishop and Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America along with the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church on behalf of its House of Bishops, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committees on International Justice and Peace and Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs have issued a statement addressing concerns about the Trump Administration's apparent decision to end further humanitarian assistance to hospitals in East Jerusalem. The statement follows:

The Presiding Bishop and Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church on behalf of its House of Bishops, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committees on International Justice and Peace and Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs together wish to raise their grave concern that the Trump Administration has apparently decided to halt further U.S. humanitarian assistance to hospitals in East Jerusalem as part of a wider curtailment of U.S. funding that has been assisting the Palestinian people for many years.

The four medical institutions associated with us include: Augusta Victoria Hospital (Lutheran) St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital and Princess Basma Rehabilitation Centre (both Anglican/Episcopal), as well as St. Joseph's Hospital (Catholic), together with Makassed Islamic Charitable Hospital, and Red Crescent Maternity Hospital, are providing invaluable medical care for the most vulnerable populations, including Palestinians living in East Jerusalem, Gaza, and the West Bank. We consider them integral parts of our common commitment to ministry in the Holy Land.

These hospitals provide life-saving and, in some cases, unique forms of health care not available otherwise to Palestinians. For example, Augusta Victoria provides kidney dialysis for children and state-of-the-art cancer care. St. John of Jerusalem is the only charitable provider of expert eye care in the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem. The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre provides services for children with a wide range of disabilities and has become one of the pioneering rehabilitation centers in autism treatment in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza. St. Joseph's is a 73-bed general hospital serving the Palestinian neighborhoods of East Jerusalem. All of these institutions provide extensive outreach services throughout the West Bank.

Each has benefited from U.S. assistance for decades and, therefore, this decision to discontinue that funding leaves the patients, the wider Palestinian community, and us disappointed and perplexed. It is difficult for us to understand why this humanitarian assistance is being brought to a halt, given that lives are being threatened unnecessarily.

Calling the decision "a blow to the health of the city", more than a dozen Israeli doctors recently said, "a sudden and significant cut of support for medical services will cause imminent and serious harm to the health and wellbeing of those residents of the city who are well-served by these hospitals and medical centers."

In addition to being a morally correct thing to do, U.S. funding is key to paying pharmaceutical suppliers of medications, paying staff, and avoiding any interruption in the treatment of patients. We call on the President to restore this vital funding so that these patients will continue to receive the treatment and care they need.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Chair

<https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7953>.

## Troop 314 Status Update—Fall 2018

*Jenny Hutson*

With summer over, Troop 314 has begun our yearly scouting program of activities. After the theme of Wilderness Survival in September, we launched into October with a focus on Moviemaking. Each patrol developed, produced, filmed, and edited their own movie focused around September's

**Our theme for November is Home Repair where the scouts will learn valuable skills.**

theme of Wilderness Survival. The movies premiered to rave reviews at our Halloween party troop meeting.

We also accomplished our 2019 yearly planning in October. Troop 314 is a boy-led troop, and the scouts met on a Saturday morning to discuss

what the skill themes for next year will be, what weekends 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.

The first weekend of November is our annual leadership campout. The leadership skills learned and relationships built on this campout will truly set the tone for the next six months as the boys settle into their new patrols and continue working towards rank.

Our theme for November is Home Repair where the scouts will learn valuable skills such as home repair safety and basic electrical, plumbing, and drywall repair.

December, although also a short month, is going to be focused on Music. We'll be hearing from a professional musician and having a troop karaoke night. The month will wrap up with our quarterly Court of Honor and troop Christmas party.

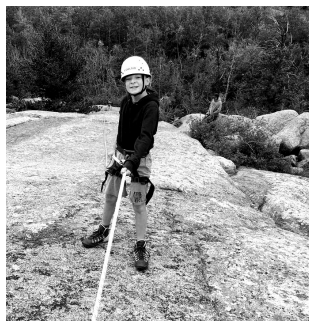
We are always looking for young men seeking a challenge and opportunity to have fun while gaining skills and learning leadership. If you know one who might be interested, send him our way!



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Each patrol developed, produced, filmed, and edited their own movie focused around September's theme of Wilderness Survival.

## Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 298

*Tim and Julie Call*

Cub Scout Pack 298 is governed by the Longs Peak Council of the Boy Scouts of America and is part of the Rocky Mountain District.

- Meetings are held weekly on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the classrooms at Zion Lutheran Church.
- For more information on Cub Scout Pack 298, please email [tjjrh81681@gmail.com](mailto:tjjrh81681@gmail.com).
- New members are welcome all year long, kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Activities include pinewood derby, celebrations of achievements, summer camp, hikes, and so much more.



Apart from the fun and excitement of Cub Scout activities, the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, motto, and salute all teach good citizenship and contribute to a boy's sense of belonging. The scouts learn the pride of accomplishment, the camaraderie of teamwork, and joy of giving back to the community.

This past month we not only met our sales goal on popcorn, these scouts surpassed it! We were also able to donate extra popcorn to our local Hometown Heroes chosen by each den.



**The scouts celebrated their hard work and popcorn sales accomplishments with A-Maze-ing fun in Timnath: wagon rides, pumpkins, and pedal cars.**



## News from Lutheran Campus Ministry

*Pastor Deb Abbott*



Thank You!

In this season of Thanksgiving our thoughts turn to all the gifts we are thankful for in our campus ministries. Thank you for your prayers, meals cooked for our students, financial support, volunteers, and Board members who share their time.

Your gifts support gatherings like our Fall Retreat at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp with students and staff from the University of Northern Colorado (UNC), Colorado State University (CSU), and University of Colorado (CU) at Boulder and Denver. One UNC student Christian reflects, “Getting away from the stress of college for a weekend was great because I could completely disconnect from the world, put away my phone, and just focus on my faith and friendships.” We are grateful for the hospitality of Sky Ranch and the gift of God’s beautiful creation!

There is a lot happening in our campus ministries! Worship, Bible studies, faith conversations, and service opportunities are all taking place.

At LCM-CSU, we worship with Holy Communion every Sunday at 5:15 p.m. with a meal following worship. We worship at LCM’s St. Thomas Chapel, on 805 South Shields Street, just across from CSU’s Moby Arena in Fort Collins.

LECM-UNC gathers every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and worship at the LECM Center, 1844 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Greeley.

You can help support campus ministry by bringing a meal to one of our weekly gatherings. If you are interested in donating a meal or grocery cards to purchase food please contact us!

For more information about Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern Colorado, contact Pastor Deb Abbott at [pastor@lecmgreeley.org](mailto:pastor@lecmgreeley.org).

For more information about Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University, contact Pastor Paul Judson at [pastor@lcmcsu.org](mailto:pastor@lcmcsu.org).



**Students and staff of Lutheran Campus Ministries gathered at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp for their Fall Retreat.**



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10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship

### ***Our Mission:***

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

### ***Our Vision:***

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

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

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

November 7	Young Adult Trivia Night
November 10	Middle School Movie Night
November 16	Bingo Night
November 18	Bridge Ministry
November 25	Advent Workshop
November 26	High School Climbing Night
November 30- December 2	Advent Retreat at Sky Ranch
December 2	Children's Choir Concert
December 4	L.I.F.T. Birthday Celebration Luncheon
December 9	Middle School Christmas Party
December 14	High School Christmas Party
December 16	Children's Christmas Program; Caroling in the Community
December 18	Bridge Ministry Christmas Luncheon
January 4, 2019	Young Adult Winter Gathering
January 13	Sky Ranch Sunday
January 19-21	Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering
February 3	Bella Notte Dinner
February 10	Campus Ministry Sunday
May 3-5	RMS Synod Assembly