



Eye on Zion

A Quarterly Newsletter for the People of Zion Lutheran Church

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God's Work. Our Hands.

Pastor Sonja Pancoast

One of the basic ways to understand Christianity is that God comes to people through people. God in Jesus chose to become human to bring God's presence to us through a human. Jesus came as the full embodiment of God in human form so that we could understand the power, depth, and breadth of God's love for us. Jesus shows us fully what unconditional love looks like to the point of giving one's life for another so that we might have eternal life together. After Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven, God sent the Holy Spirit to fill all God's disciples so that the work of God coming to people through people moves to us. We now are the embodiment of God for others.

In these four simple words "God's Work. Our Hands." we summarize one of the basic foundations of the Christian faith—God comes to people through people. Through "God's Work. Our Hands." we seek to bring God to others through all that we do and say in all aspects of our lives.

You will find throughout this newsletter wonderful stories of how people in our congregation are living out this calling. You will read about our youth and adults repairing homes on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in Lame Deer, Montana; about our creative arts team sharing their gifts to beautify worship; about our pilgrims in the Holy Land walking in the footsteps of Jesus and caring for each other; about opportunities at Zion for gathering together in fellowship and support such as Girl Talk, faith formation, and small groups. And more.

Even our exploration of a possible building renovation is structured around "God's Work. Our Hands." The theme of the potential renovation is *Building Community: Sharing the Light*. The emphasis of this possible renovation and expansion is not on how this building is better just for us, but how this building can be a place to create community—yes, for the community that gathers at Zion

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routinely but also for all the others in our community who gather in this place.

Finally, we are excited to join together with congregations across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for a day of service on Sunday, September 8, the 2019 “God’s Work. Out Hands.” day. In Loveland, we will join with the other two ELCA congregations, King of Glory and Trinity, to spend an afternoon serving in various capacities throughout the city. In August, you can sign up to participate in the projects that will take place on that day of service. We will conclude our day of service, united with our local ELCA community, at a celebration picnic starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Namaqua Park shelter. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish to share.

Truly we live out “God’s Work. Our Hands.” in many and various ways each and every day. May we be the hands and feet of Christ to one another showing unconditional love and compassion for all whom we encounter.

Children’s Music Ministry

Noelle Bauman

One of my favorite parts of working with children and youth is that I get to see so much growth in their personalities and spiritual lives. As they get older, they have more opinions, more knowledge of the world, and more introspection. It is amazing the issues (ranging from equality to paranormal activity) that I get to discuss with the kids. The Zion children’s music ministry has the special opportunity to not just teach music, but to be a positive voice in the ever-shifting joys and struggles in a child’s daily life.

The Zion children’s choir includes a small number of very dedicated volunteers. Even if adult schedules overcome their availability, they provide continued support of the work we do and assist when they can. The number of children has consistently been between 12 and 18, which is very manageable with our dedicated volunteers. However, we are reaching a point where we have multiple levels in our music curriculum. Each

year we get new members who start at level one, and returning members who continue on to their new level.

If working with children in music interests you in any way, I hope you will consider volunteering some time to our children’s music ministry.

The children’s choir follows the Thompson School District schedule. If they are in session, we have Tuesday rehearsals from approximately 3:20 to 5:00 p.m. During this time we have snacks, crafts, lessons, and rehearsals. Closer to the end of each semester, the lessons wrap up, and we focus on performance readiness.

Our first meeting will be August 27.

Please contact Noelle Bauman-Stucky at CMM@zionloveland.com for more information. Registration is online at zionloveland.com.

Music Ministry

Adam Torres

As we quickly approach the end of summer, it is time to look toward our music ministry offerings in the fall and beyond! First, it has been a relatively quiet summer for the music ministry, but there are many to thank. As many of you know, we are in the midst of an organist search, and I would like to express my sincere gratitude for those who are on the search team. Secondly, we have had many folks help with outdoor worship through songleading, including CAROL WARD, ERIN BACHMAN, LINDA TEGEDER, EILEEN HUDDLE, with more volunteers to help with songleading in August! The band has continued to play on 2nd/4th Sundays during the second service, and I am grateful for DAVE WOLFE, PAUL JONCAS, AARON BAUER, TOM ROBINSON, JULIE WILSON, NITA STARR, DESI BOYCE, ERIN BACHMAN, and MADDIE ELDER for contributing their voices and talents. Lastly, I would like to offer special thanks to our visiting guest artists this summer: CARRIE HANSEN, who does such a wonderful job filling in for me in my absence, COLIN WILLIAMSON, who helped with our children's music camp in songwriting, and CARY DODSON, clarinet, and DAWN GRAPES, flute, who have provided special music throughout this summer.

Looking into the fall, it's business as usual at Zion. Our ministries will kick into full gear after Labor Day: bell choir will resume practices on Tuesdays, our chancel choir rehearsals will be Thursdays, and the praise band will continue to rehearse between worship services on Sunday morning. Of course, our children's music ministry will resume its normal schedule on Tuesdays as well. Please take a moment to consider where God may be calling you to share your inner musical voice with the congregation; we are especially looking for folks to augment the choir, but will find ways to integrate you as we can for any ensemble! Please don't hesitate to reach out to music@zionloveland.com so we can facilitate a discussion on how you can serve Zion through its music ministry offerings.

Thank you for all that you do to support our work—through your support, in your music making as a congregation, in your volunteering for the music ministry, for your prayers, shared wisdom, and generosity to allow our ministry to thrive and collaborate with local artists throughout the Northern Colorado region. It is, as always, a blessing to serve as the head of this ministry, and I look forward to our work ahead!

Organist Search

For those who may not know, Kathy Peiffer left Zion in late May to pursue other musical opportunities. We have missed her already in these two short months, but in the meantime have assembled a search team to try to discern who God is calling to be our next organist. Serving on this committee are PASTOR JOEL, JANIE LICHTFUSS, LINDA TEGEDER, EILEEN HUDDLE, NOELLE BAUMAN, and ADAM TORRES (with a few appearances by our intern pastor COURTNEY STEITZ for good measure!). We have been in contact with applicants, and we hope to have heard all finalists by the second week of August with the intent of having a new organist start around Labor Day 2019. During the summer, it has been a nice change of pace for me to rebuild my organ chops, serving as the interim organist so that we can continue to offer music in traditional worship without hindrance. We hope to offer more specific details on a new organist very soon, but wanted to offer a brief update for this newsletter. Thank you for your prayers for discernment of the search committee in this very important hire for our music ministry!

With sadness of farewell but the richness of relationships built *Intern Pastor Courtney Steitz*

Wow, I cannot believe how quickly my internship year has gone. It is with the sadness of farewell but the richness of relationships built in Christ that I write my final newsletter article of good-bye and gratitude.

Internship is meant to be a time of learning and growing, of putting learned skills into practice, and of observing and experiencing the breadth and depth of what it means to be a pastor. Zion has been a wonderful place to practice, to learn, and to grow.

I have appreciated your generosity in letting me lead worship and laughing along with my mistakes and mishaps. It has been an absolute joy to work with the confirmation students and their families, while watching the Holy Spirit transform their lives and relationships with others. With Bible studies, Sunday adult faith formation, middle school Sunday school, and VBS, I have had opportunities to learn and grow in preparing lessons and teaching. Thank you to all of you who have participated, asked questions, and shared your insights. I truly believe that our faith grows when we share it with one another and that we can learn so much about who God is and who we are from listening to those around us.

I have been blessed to work with council and

ministry teams here at Zion—I have learned about engaging in ministry, articulating mission, setting vision, and leading programs. I have appreciated opportunities to lead worship and preach sermons. Your feedback throughout the year has been helpful as I have continued to grow in this area. I am grateful that you allowed me to try new things, ask questions, and learn.

But most of all, I am grateful for all of the relationships that I have built here at Zion. It has been a joy and a blessing to get to know each of you. I have enjoyed hearing your stories and celebrating, mourning, and praying together through life's many passages.

I am particularly thankful for Pastor Joel and Pastor Sonja for graciously mentoring and assisting me through an entire year. And, Zion staff members have been amazingly supportive and welcoming from my first day to my last.

My thanks to the internship committee who devoted a great deal of time to providing thoughtful sermon feedback, creating instructive evaluations, and making sure that I felt comfortable in the congregation.

Finally, for all of the people of Zion, each of you has played a role in my formation during my internship year, and I am so incredibly grateful.

Farewell and Godspeed Intern Pastor Courtney Steitz!

On Sunday, August 11, we will be saying “Farewell and Godspeed” to Intern Pastor Courtney Steitz. Between the services, beginning at 9:30 a.m., we will hold a special celebration in her honor, with refreshments and a time to share affirmations, blessings, and gifts. If you have gifts or words you would like to share with Courtney during this time to bless her on her journey toward ordination and a call to serve a congregation as their pastor, you are welcome to bring them to share at that time.

Courtney has been with us one full year, and during that time she has shown us what it looks like to be the hands and feet of God. She has been with us as a learner, engaging in the full range of ministry as a pastor. But we have all been learners with her, as she has preached the gospel, taught us well in various educational opportunities, and has led us in many areas of ministry at Zion. Though



Intern Pastor Courtney Steitz

everyone who has encountered her has been blessed by her ministry, she would be the first to tell you that it is about “God’s Work. Our Hands.”

Courtney’s presence with us is God’s work in more ways than one. We were fortunate to have this opportunity because she needed to find an internship site in Northern Colorado, and we were able to provide the required stipend and expenses for internship because of a portion of Sharon Olson’s estate left for pastoral education and training. Sharon died in 2014, but as a professional teacher and church member she would no doubt be proud to know that God’s work through her

generosity enabled this internship.

On August 11, please join all of us in giving thanks for God’s work, through Courtney’s hands.

**Sunday, August 11
9:30 a.m. between worship services**

TIME TO SAY FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO COURTNEY

**A celebration in her honor and to bless her on her journey
toward ordination**

Faith Formation

Madeline Fairfax

High School Youth Summer Adventure Reflections

Our high school youth have been seeing the Spirit at Work in lots of ways this summer. One went to the Holy Land, two volunteered for several weeks at Sky Ranch as Staff-in-Training, and eleven experienced a week of work projects on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana. Whether it was in the sights they saw, the work they completed, or the relationships they made with people both in and outside our congregation, our youth have experienced God this summer in incredible ways!

Thank you to the entire congregation for your support in making these experiences possible for our high school youth! We are so grateful for the ways youth are lifted up as leaders in our church!

Here are a few reflections from their summer adventures!

"I had an amazing crew mom, Shelley, on the trip, and she helped me feel closer to God. The pow-wow was also a really spiritual experience. I got to dance with one of the leaders and everyone was included—over 100 people from across the country dancing with the Northern Cheyenne."

CAPRICE—12th grade youth in Lame Deer, Montana



"This experience really pushed me outside my comfort zone, and it's something I wouldn't have done unless our church went on this trip. We had the opportunity to serve others and meet some really fantastic people."

BAILEY—10th grade youth in Lame Deer, Montana



"It was an enriching cultural experience that I will not forget. The people there were so kind and trusting in God and I look forward to doing the same."

FISCHER—10th grade youth in Lame Deer, Montana



Being an SIT at Sky Ranch has been a wonderful opportunity to not only explore and grow in my own faith journey, but also to help others

do the same. This summer, I've met plenty of wonderful people, and made great friendships that have lasted beyond leaving camp."

ROB—2019 grad/CSU student, 3-week Sky Ranch Staff-in-Training

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Zion youth and adults repaired homes for the people living on the Northern Cheyenne reservation.
GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.



Summer at Sky Ranch

We had over 20 children and youth encounter Christ on the Mountaintops at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp this summer! Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sky Ranch Sunday campaign in January; this allowed for partial scholarships that helped so many of these campers to participate. Campers from Zion participated in Staff-in-Training, Confirmation Intensive (walking through the Exodus story), Homesteaders, and Round-Up. Here a few photos from their summer!



Zion youth encounter Christ on the mountaintops at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp.



Homesteader girls and Round-Up boys explore the theme "Shine" learning about Christ's light.

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VBS Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to volunteer or participate in Vacation Bible School this summer! We had so much fun learning about the Parable of the Sower, caring for creation, and growing in God's love for us at ReNew VBS!



Our VBS kids learned how to care for God's creation as they explored Jesus' Parable of the Sower.

Labor Day Weekend Retreat at Sky Ranch Spaces are still available.

We have an amazing group signed up for the annual Labor Day Weekend Retreat at Sky Ranch. If you are interested in camping (cabins, tents, or lodge rooms) or just coming up for the day on Saturday for fun programming and a potluck dinner, there are still spaces available!

Contact Madeline for more information at faithformation@zionloveland.com.

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Madeline Fairfax

Worship Milestones

Driver's Blessing

Have a new driver in your family? Let Madeline know if you'd like to schedule an individual driver blessing during worship at some point during this school year.

Retirement Milestone

Retiring? Let Madeline know if you'd like to schedule a retirement blessing during worship this year!

Entry into Sunday School Milestone

Sunday, September 8

All 3-year-olds or preschoolers who are new to Sunday school are invited to participate in this milestone at either worship service. If you plan to participate, please RSVP to Madeline at faithformation@zionloveland.com.

Entry into Confirmation Milestone

Sunday, September 15

We will welcome all of our incoming 6th graders to confirmation at both worship services with the presentation of a Lutheran Study Bible. Let Madeline know if your 6th grader plans to attend.

3rd Grade Bibles

Sunday, October 13

Third grade children will be presented with NRSV Bibles during both worship services. In the weeks before, 3rd graders and their parents will work on their Bible skills and learning about the word of God! Let Madeline know if your 3rd grader plans to participate.

Confirmation Sunday and Faith Statements

On August 16 and 17, the following youth will be writing their faith statements at the Confirmation Culminating Retreat:

RYAN BLACK, LAYNE ELDER, JOEY KLAMMER, SOPHIA PANCOAST, GARRETT PRAZAN, JONNY TATAJE, and KELLY TEESDALE. Throughout the fall, youth will be reading their faith statements during worship. See the weekly bulletin for specific dates for each youth. Confirmation is a great time for congregation members, mentors, families, and staff to welcome and encourage our 9th grade youth into full church membership and participation, helping them to use their gifts to continue to serve the world.

Confirmation Sunday will be October 27 at the 10:45 a.m. service.

Confirmation Kickoff

Sunday, August 25

12:00-2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, includes lunch

At Zion, our confirmation ministry is designed for youth in 6th - 8th grade and their families. With a combination of bimonthly classes, weekend retreats, confirmation camp, and fellowship opportunities, our confirmation youth have the opportunity to learn and explore their faith in many ways. If you have or are a 6th - 8th grade youth (open to older grade levels who haven't been confirmed as well!) interested in being a part of confirmation this year, please contact Madeline at faithformation@zionloveland.com. At this kickoff event, we will enjoy lunch together, welcome new and returning families, and get started with some games and other fun interactive activities. The confirmation schedule and expectations will also be shared at this event.

Faith Formation

Madeline Fairfax

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 18

Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to either worship service and receive a blessing for an exciting school year ahead.

Sunday School Kickoff

Sunday, September 8

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

Between services, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for snacks, K-12 Sunday school class and registration information, and a special scavenger hunt to find your classroom, meet your teachers, and more! You don't need to be able to attend Sunday school regularly in order to register or find out more information! Jump in as much as you can. We'll have Sunday school every week throughout the school year. There are a few special festival dates where families are invited to participate together throughout the year. Be sure to grab a schedule at the kickoff event!

L2F2 All Ages Outdoor Movie Night

Saturday, September 14

7:30 p.m. on the front lawn at Zion

Movie begins at sunset. Gourmet popcorn bar and other fun snacks will be available beginning at 7:00 p.m. Come early and choose your favorite spot to sit! Stay tuned for a special August announcement about which movie will be featured!

L2F2 Young Adult Mini Golf Outing

Sunday, September 22—2:00 p.m.

All young adults are invited to gather for miniature golf at Centerra! Please RSVP with Madeline by Sunday, September 8 at 419 270 6233 or faithformation@zionloveland.com.

Summer 2020 High School Youth Trip Meeting

Sunday, September 22—

7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

At this meeting, we will announce the trip destination for next summer and have more information available for registration. This trip will be open to all youth in grades 8-12 for the 2019-2020 school year.

Rent-A-Youth Fundraiser

Saturday, October 26

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Zion middle and high school youth will be soliciting work projects at Zion members' homes in exchange for monetary donations for our youth programming. Projects may include yard work, landscaping, cleaning, and more!

Work project requests can be submitted by the congregation up until Sunday, October 5.

If you request youth for a project, please plan to be available at the work site on Saturday, October 26.

Work request forms can be found on the Faith Formation board in Fellowship Hall throughout September.



Fischer and Brayden were among last year's rentable youth.

Faith Formation

Madeline Fairfax

L2F2 Kids Night In / Parents Night Out

Saturday, October 12

5:00-8:00 p.m.

All Zion and King of Glory kids are invited to wear their pajamas, bring sleeping bags and pillows, and come to Zion for a night of fun! We'll have dinner, play games and other faith formation activities, then watch a movie!

And, parents can enjoy a night out! Drop-off and pick-up anytime between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Madeline by Sunday, October 6.

Girl Talk

High School Girls Mentoring Middle School Girls

Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

At Zion in the downstairs high school room

Starting Tuesday, September 3



As we live out God's Work. Our Hands. in all aspects of our lives, truly the Girl Talk program helps high school girls share their gifts as they mentor middle school girls, and the middle school girls discover what gifts God has given them to share with others.

As we come to the fall, we are excited to kick off our fourth year of Girl Talk. Girl Talk inspires middle school and high school girls to be confident leaders through peer-to-peer mentoring. Middle school is often the time in which girls' self-confidence levels drop in contrast to higher pressure to succeed. Through Girl Talk, middle school girls meet once a week with their high school leaders to talk about various topics that connect to what they are going through in their lives, do service together, and do creative projects to let their true self shine through. While the middle school girls have a supportive network to share and grow in a safe environment with peers who understand the difficulties and challenges they face, the high school leaders gain valuable leadership skills.

We have been blessed to have amazing Girl Talk high school leaders for the last three years and this year is no exception. Truly the middle school girls are blessed by the high school girls and vice versa. All middle school girls are invited for the Girl Talk Kickoff on Tuesday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Any high school girls who are interested in being a Girl Talk leader, please speak with the adult advisers, PASTOR SONJA or AMY BRAUNER.

Creative Arts Enhance Worship at Zion

Lindsey Walter

Zion thrives to create a diverse and interactive worship experience for all ages. If you have ever wondered how these engaging experiences unfold, we would like to introduce three key members of our worship planning team, all of whom are volunteers. They are CATHERINE GLASER, JESSICA KUHNS, and PAM STEVENS. The complete team is made up of PASTOR JOEL, PASTOR SONJA, MADELINE FAIRFAX, STIG ORESJO, ADAM TORRES, plus the three volunteers. We appreciate their time and commitment in attending the monthly meetings and everything that is involved in creating the decorations in worship, linking the music to themes, bulletin boards, prayer stations, sacred space, artwork/imaging, and busy bags ideas to make worship a welcoming experience for children. If you are interested in adding your creativity to Zion's worship planning, there is always room for more! Let us know and we'll let you know the next meeting date..



**Catherine and
Ron Glaser**

Rod and I married in Zion's chapel 44 years ago. I have served on many Zion committees, and worship planning is one of my favorites! One of my first experiences with art in

worship, was with Gloria Bongers and I LOVED it! I was invited to participate in worship planning several years ago for a project and just kept showing up to the meetings. There are no term limits for this committee! I help Pam, Jessica, and the rest of the team with the Sacred Space and Worship Theme ideas.



**Jessica with husband
Jacob and sons
Gordon and Josiah**

Our family joined Zion in 2010. I love being a part of Zion's ministry and enjoy the creative arts in worship planning. I do a lot of the drawings in worship for people to color and the artwork that is displayed along the wall in the sanctuary. I love how open

Zion is to doing and trying new things and how supportive they are of families. I hope to continue to bring creativity and compassion to Zion.



**George and Pam
Stevens**

I've been a member at Zion for 6 years. When George retired, he and I moved here from St. Stephen in Stow, Ohio, where I was a part-time administrative assistant at the church. After coming to Zion, I joined the bell choir and became an office assistant. Later I started doing the sound board at the early service and then was asked to join the worship planning team. As part of the team, I

attend meetings once a month, prepare the bulletin boards that show our worship theme, and prepare the sacred space and prayer station for Sunday services. I do those things that can be done with a printer and leave the true artwork to Cathy Glaser and Jessica Kuhns. I want to thank the office volunteers for all the cutting and sorting they do to help prepare for sacred space and the prayer station.



**Artwork by Jessica
Kuhns for the
congregation to color.**

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Youthful Beginnings and Elderly Resignations

Sophia Pancoast **Rocky Mountain Synod** **Youth Council**

Sophia Pancoast

In the spring, I applied and was accepted to serve on the Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Council. The mission of the youth council is "Youth inspiring youth, empowered by God, to be a valued voice for acceptance, change, and direction for the future of the church."

I applied to serve on the youth council because after I went to the youth gathering in January, I had ideas to improve future gatherings. I wanted to have my voice heard as a youth. Also, other youth are serving on the youth council from all over the synod, so it's fun to meet youth from all over.

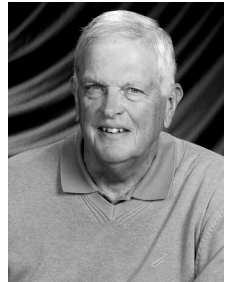


Photographed with Bishop Gonia of the Rocky Mountain Synod, Zion's Sophia Pancoast is third from the left.

John Sterner **Sharing Gifts in the Community**

Pastor Sonja Pancoast

So often when we think about God's Work. Our Hands. we think of ways that we can share our gifts with the ministries directly connected to our congregation. God's work is much bigger than just Zion, and so many in our community are blessed when we share our gifts with the broader community.



John Sterner

JOHN STERNER is finishing up a 4-year term as treasurer of the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado State University (CSU). He came in during a time of transition and shared his gifts to bring order and direction to the ministry as a new pastor was called. After Pastor Paul Judson started, John continued as treasurer helping to create systems and policies that will create success for the future of the Lutheran Campus Ministry at CSU.

We share this thank-you from Pastor Paul Judson.

"Thank You to John Sterner. I am sure that I speak for the whole board in expressing our grateful thanks in your service to the ministry. You have been supportive (and patient) with me. You have been detailed in work that requires detail to the penny. You have served with integrity and helped in our continued growth and development. Your service to the ministry will be missed!"

Thank you, John, for sharing your gifts and living out God's Work. Our Hands. May we all look for the big and small ways God is calling us to share our gifts and truly live out God's Work. Our Hands.

Among Members and Friends

At Rest in Our Father's House

*We pray for the family and friends of **Trudie Huth** who died on June 23 and whose funeral was on July 1, 2019, at Zion. We pray especially for her husband Marvin, daughter and son in-law Deborah and Paul Price, and daughter and son in-law Karen and Paul Bradshaw.*

*We pray for the family and friends of **Barb Pitcher** who died on May 4 and whose memorial service was at Zion on August 2, 2019.*

For Those Who Mourn

We keep in prayer:

***Chuck and Marthann Dahlen** at the death of their stepson Justin Gray.*

***Phyllis Zimmerman** at the death of her nephew Jim.*

***Joe and Barb Roman** at the death of Joe's mother Helen.*

***Dan and Linda Juergensen** at the death of their dear friend Dawn Custer.*

***Teresa Majeski** at the death of her mother Vadie Holman.*

***Shirley Campbell** at the death of her sister Doris Kathol.*

***Bill and Cindy Kurtz** at the death of their dear friend Cathy Doran.*

***Paul and Debbie Joncas** at the death of their dear friend Bob Baer.*

***Ty and Chelsea Hirschert** at the death of their uncle Arland.*

Joyous Celebrations

We rejoice with:

***Esther Lucero** at the baptism of her daughter **Khaleesi** on July 14, 2019.*

***Bill and Cindy Kurtz** at the birth of their grandson **Cameron**, son of Matt and Andrea Kurtz.*

***Rob and Debra Huffsmith** at the birth of their granddaughter **Lilliana**, daughter of Zach and Kelsey Huffsmith.*

***Stig and Gunnel Oresjo** at the birth of their grandson **Torsten Juan (T.J.)**, son of Bjorn and Melissa.*

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

***On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.***

—PSALM 138

Dear Pastor Joel, Pastor Sonja, and the Zion Congregation,

What a thoughtful sendoff you provided May 19! Thank you for the cake, blessing, and generous gift card. I was especially touched by the beautiful anthem provided by Adam and the Zion choir. What an incredible memory that will always be for me! Thank you again for making that such a special day for me.

*Love,
Kathy Peiffer*

Among Members and Friends

To all our friends at Zion,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, gifts of food, flowers, kind words, love, memorial gifts, wonderful lunch reception at the service, for attending the service, and for all the outreach you provided to us upon the death of Trudie Huth. You have made such a difference for us and helped us so much in dealing with our sorrow and loss. Thanks especially to Courtney Steitz and Pastor Elliott who surrounded us with love, care, and guidance while the pastors were out of the country—you served well. Trudie loved the people at Zion, the worship here, and the community. Thanks for being our family.

Deborah Price, Marvin Huth, Karen Bradshaw and all of Trudie's family

During this very difficult time of my life, it's so comforting to have such amazing brothers and sisters in Christ in my corner. Thank you all for the prayers, cards, phone calls, text, and FB messages. I couldn't have made it without them. I had strength I didn't know I had. God continues to bless me with strength and knowledge that my mama is no longer in pain. And, she's resting in Jesus' arms.

*Sincerely,
Teresa Majeski*

Thank You Letters to Zion

- April 23, 2019—From House of Neighborly Service for a contribution of \$229.
- April 26, 2019—From Loveland Habitat for Humanity for a gift of \$40.
- June 6, 2019—From SummitStone Health Partners for a contribution of \$100.
- July 11, 2019—From Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp for a gift of \$550.

Thank you very much for encouraging our members to bowl on our Monday ladies church league. As a token of our appreciation, we have enclosed a donation. We thank you and look forward to seeing the ladies back next season.

*Blessings,
Shannon and Chad Canfield
Sweetheart Ten Pin Bowling*

Friends of KidsPak,

How wonderful to see your donation this past week. Thank you. Our 10th year serving TSD (Thompson School District) students resulted in 20,000 bags sent home on the weekend. Your contributions make the difference. We have a giving community and together we fight hunger so that students may achieve success.

*Tom Carrigan, Chair
KidsPak*

Thank you, Zion, for your prayer shawl ministry.

I witnessed the blessing of this ministry, seeing the expression on my mother's face become one of peaceful appreciation as she wrapped herself in the shawl I delivered to her from you in May. When an aide complimented her on her shawl, Mother proudly proclaimed it was from her daughter's church. She asked me to thank you in her behalf.



Ada Samson

Linda Sterner

Celebrating Ordination Anniversaries



On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, Zion celebrated the anniversary of ordination of our three retired reverends.

Pictured from left to right are PASTOR ELLIOTT PANCOAST celebrating 50 years since he was ordained, PASTOR MARVIN HUTH celebrating 65 years, and PASTOR PAUL JONCAS who was ordained 40 years ago.

For the occasion of Pentecost Sunday, each donned headwear depicting tongues of fire appropriate for the day.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

—ACTS 2:3-4

In the Habitat for Humanity ReStore Spotlight

In the June 2019 *Habitat News*, Zion's CONNIE WAHLERS was featured in the volunteer spotlight.



Connie Wahlers

Connie has been volunteering at the ReStore for 17 years. She first got involved with Loveland Habitat for Humanity in 2002 after her husband passed away, and a friend invited her to come volunteer. Since then, she has been working in the housewares department, processing and pricing product. What Connie really likes about working at the ReStore is doing something beneficial for the community, meeting all the people, and working around younger people. She says, "Everyone is so nice."

Volunteering at the ReStore keeps her active. At 91 years old, Connie volunteers two days a week and helps keep product on the shelves to help fund our mission. Some of her favorite memories of her time spent at the ReStore are the Soup Suppers and Dessert Contests where she won a prize. When Connie is not volunteering with Loveland Habitat for Humanity, she is playing bridge, reading a Mary Higgins Clark mystery novel, or following her favorite sport teams, the Kansas University Jayhawks and the Denver Broncos.

Thank you, Connie, for your years of dedicated service to Loveland Habitat for Humanity!



God's Work. Our Hands. One Shawl at a Time

Zion's prayer shawl ministry continues to serve residents at Good Samaritan in Loveland, thanks to KATHY PANCOAST. Comforted are a resident overwhelmed caring for her daughter in depression, an MS patient who lost her voice and legs but not her smile or poetry, another with severe back pain, and two residents who needed encouragement as they moved from independent to assisted living, one of whom was 99 years old and had fallen and suffered cracked ribs and sternum.

And the award goes to Bob Majeski



Bob Majeski

In May, Meals on Wheels of Loveland and Berthoud honored their volunteers during their annual volunteer appreciation brunch. Zion is pleased to share that the Helen Erion Award was presented to BOB MAJESKI for many years of service as a volunteer driver. Bob is a wonderful example of God's Work. Our Hands. Congratulations to Bob, and many thanks for being the hands and feet of Christ!

Kudos to you who worked on the June 8 ELCA Habitat Work Day

BILL MCCANN, ELLIOTT PANCOAST,
and KATHY PANCOAST

Thank you, JIM VOSBERG, for the new pew Bible holders that he made using the wood from the original holders and for staining the outside sign holders.

CROSSWAYS IS COMING TO ZION!

Janie Lichtfuss

Crossways is an in-depth study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

As children, many of us learned disconnected Bible stories. But as adults, we need to dig more deeply into those stories—and see how they relate to each other within the Bible's one big story. Crossways will help you make the connections. Crossways is designed for adults and mature youth who want to work through the scriptures in detail.

After doing a "survey" to see if there is interest in once again providing the study of the Crossways course, it appears there is, indeed, enough interest! If you would like to attend the course, please sign up on the blue bulletin insert before August 15 so enough materials can be ordered. If more than one family member will be attending the class, please indicate how many sets of materials you would like.

The class will begin on September 15, 2019, immediately after the first service and will meet in the classroom downstairs.

Crossways is a two-year course, broken into two 9-month segments.

The cost of the course each year will be \$36.00. If you wish to take the course but find that the cost is prohibitive, scholarship funds are available. Just let PASTOR JOEL or me know.

If you have questions, please contact JANIE LICHTFUSS. It will be a JOY to see you in class

Grateful for professional development opportunity

Adam Torres

One of the many wonderful benefits of serving the community of Zion Lutheran Church is the dedication of the congregation to ensuring opportunities for staff members to pursue spiritual, personal, and professional growth. Part of our annual budget includes funding for professional development specifically allocated for the music ministries. These funds have been used in several ways, but this year I am incredibly grateful to Zion that these funds are used to help cover the costs for my work as a conductor in a professional development opportunity in Santa Cruz, California.

In the classical music world, the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music stands as one of the leading music festivals around the world centered around the advancement of contemporary symphonic art music. Jesse Rosen, President of the League of American Orchestras, says the “Cabrillo Festival is like a crucible of creativity...and all of America’s orchestras look to what happens at Cabrillo because the Festival has really set the standard for fostering creativity and demonstrating an unbelievably genuine and rich relationship with its community.” In its storied fifty-seven year history, it has offered much to the art music world through its vision and advocacy. Music directors for this festival have included Aaron Copland, Marin Alsop, and (among others), John Adams. The current music director, Cristian Măcelaru, is a conductor who appears all over the world, including his post of the WDR Sinfonieorchester. His guest conducting list is both impressive and

expansive, and includes the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, the Dresden Staatskapelle, the Leipzig Gewandhausorchester, the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, and many more. In 2018, I had the wonderful opportunity to sit in and observe his work with the Colorado Symphony in preparation for J.S. Bach’s incredible B Minor Mass.

One facet of the festival is a conductor workshop, for which twenty conductors from around the world are selected to participate. Applicants are plentiful. I know in some years, there have been 200+ applicants for the conducting program at Cabrillo, so it is an honor to have been invited to participate this year at Cabrillo through the conductors program. I am incredibly grateful for the generosity of the Zion community to ensure professional development funding is available for the music ministry to help offset the cost of a program like this. Conducting is an art form that requires intuition, spontaneous adaption, and finding new ways to connect with the musicians who are in front of you. I cannot wait to hear Maestro Măcelaru’s insights (alongside others) into his approaches toward preparation, to enhance my physical technique, and to strengthen my musical conviction through this workshop, and I hope that what I have learned and, through my growth, that I can share this artistry in all that I do.



Saturday, October 12th
The Foundry | Garage
Downtown Loveland

PASTOR JOEL has always been a little over the edge, but on October 12 it is really going to happen! Come join him and House of Neighborly Service (HNS) for a day of fun and celebration as he joins others from throughout Northern Colorado who have each raised at least \$1,000 to rappel down the new five-story parking garage at the new Foundry in downtown Loveland!

HNS is a social service agency that defines “God’s Work. Our Hands.” by serving individuals and families who are challenged by the effects of poverty and situational crises by providing basic needs and services. Many people who come to HNS for help feel like they are “going over the edge” because of difficult life circumstances they face. HNS may not be able to rescue them from difficult life events, but they can come alongside them with a “Rope for Hope,” tools that enable them to come through life with dignity and hope.

HNS cannot exist without our hands and our generosity. HNS was founded in 1961 by the Loveland Council of Churches with the united vision of pooling their resources and creating one central location to meet the emergency needs of those facing crisis. This plan included accountability and community involvement. This vision could not have been more insightful as our community has grown, and Zion has always been a proud supporter and part of HNS to serve all people in need with dignity, grace, and respect. In fact, HNS is not a separate organization; WE are HNS through our generosity, our prayers, and our hands and feet as we volunteer through the many different programs they provide.

You can support Pastor Joel and HNS by donating for Over the Edge through Zion, or just by coming out to The Foundry on October 12. All money raised before and during the event will go to help HNS in its continued service to families in need in Larimer County.

Some have even asked if they can go over the edge! If you are interested, head over to www.honservice.org, then click on the Over the Edge banner near the bottom of the page. From there, click on the tab for becoming a rappeler and join the “Loveland Lutherans” team. If you raise at least \$1,000, you can go over the edge and have the added benefit of supporting HNS!

Monroe Elementary School Partnership God's Work. Our Hands.

Pastor Sonja Pancoast

We are so excited to start our new school year and join together to help support families at Monroe Elementary school. Truly this is one of the ways that we live out God's work with our hands. Every time I go to the school, the teachers and administrators rave about how wonderful the members from Zion are and how much of an impact we are making in the lives of the children they serve. I find that it is often we who are even more blessed to be able to share and make a positive difference in our community. There are many and various ways to get involved with our partnership with Monroe. Please join in to what works best with your schedule and the gifts God has given you.

Helping Teachers Set Up their Rooms—Monday, August 12, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Come for an hour or two to help teachers put together homework folders, put up bulletin boards, or cut out items teachers need for their incoming students. Each year the projects differ, but the teachers greatly appreciate all the work that we can do so that they can focus on getting ready for their students.

Back to School Night Sack Dinners

Make the Sack Dinners—Friday, August 16, 10:00 a.m. to noon—Fellowship Hall

Hand out Sack Dinners—Friday, August 16, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—Monroe Lunchroom

Parents and families are invited to meet their teachers and get ready for the first day of school on the Friday before school starts. We are making sack dinners for them so that they can come right from work and start the year off on a positive note.

Brightening Up the School—Painting Classrooms—Sunday, September 8, 12:45 to 3:30 p.m.

As part of God's Work. Our Hands. we will be painting the counseling classroom and the interventions teachers' classroom so that they are not as sterile but instead a beautiful color to bring a calming presence to the spaces.

Weekly Classroom Volunteer—Starting in Mid-September

Help out for an hour or two once a week in the same classroom. It is truly an amazing experience to build relationships with the kids at Monroe. Those who have volunteered on a weekly basis have found that they often receive so much more than they give. There are many different grades we help in as well as different days of the week. We can find something that works for your gifts and schedule.

Monroe Coat and Boot Drive—Month of October

Watch for tags at the beginning of October with sizes of coats or boots that are needed for the children at Monroe. Specific sizes and genders will be listed based on the needs from the children at Monroe.

Monroe Elementary School Partnership God's Work Our Hands. continued from page 20.

Parent / Teacher Conference Soup Supper—Wednesday, October 9

Make a soup, provide bread, desserts, or veggies for the teachers at Monroe as they meet with parents for their parent / teacher conference.

Trunk or Treat Math Night—Friday, October 25, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Help hand out candy and other prizes to the kids at Monroe as they answer math problems. Candy and treats are provided by Zion. All you need is a trunk from your car.

Thank you to each and every one of you for helping out in the many and various ways with our partnership with Monroe Elementary.

Winner announced in “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday hymn contest

A hymn titled “God’s Work, Our Hands,” written by Wayne Wold, was selected as the winning entry in the ELCA’s “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday hymn contest. People submitted original compositions to be considered as a hymn for the ELCA’s annual day of service. Wold is a professor and chair of the music department at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, where he also serves as concert manager and college organist. Wold is also the director of music ministry at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, Maryland. The selected hymn represents the official tagline of the ELCA and expresses how the people of this church live in service for the life of the world. The hymn is available as a year-round worship resource.

God’s Work, Our Hands

1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er, build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er, fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er, prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
4 God is at work in and a - round us: seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens, feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - ring the cold,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom, run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice, claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored, gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way, shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

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Building Community: Sharing the Light Special Called Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, August 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Members of Zion are asked to attend this important meeting as we vote whether to proceed with capital improvement and expansion. For a month prior, the council and building design team have been sharing the vision of a project that answers some of the needs for an aging building. This vision lays out a plan that looks to serve our community in the following ways:



An architectural rendering of Zion improved and expanded as proposed.

- More than double the bathroom space, including a family or non-gender bathroom
- Expanded commercial kitchen with room for large groups to work in, including storage space for equipment and food
- Additional accessible adult education space
- Larger fellowship area that is removed from the central flow of traffic
- Beautiful outdoor worship and gathering area
- Memorial garden with columbarium for interring ashes.

This project is not simply a building for “us.” The attitude at Zion for many years has been that God has blessed us with a building so that we can bless the community, and so we proudly offer our building to community groups without charge. For several years, plans have been coming together to bring the building in closer alignment with Zion’s mission, which goes beyond our own congregation to serve the community. This plan will provide more opportunities well beyond our own ministries, showing that we are a church that shares God’s light and God’s work with all.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

For 11 days, 47 people joined together to walk in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. We had 31 people from Zion as well as others from Loveland, Florida, Virginia, and Montana join together for this pilgrimage. With so many, one would think that is a lot of people to try to bring together. Truly in leading this trip, I was amazed how well the group blended together and cared for each other. While it is amazing to walk in the footsteps of Christ, it was even more amazing to me to watch the living Christ bringing this group of friends and strangers together. People would sit in various groups at dinner, move around on the bus to find new friends, care for the ones who may be a step or two behind, endure some days of 100+ degree heat, and truly come together in ways that are beyond words. We were truly feeling God's Work. Our Hands. together. Going into this, I was a bit nervous that we could not meet all the expectations of 47 pilgrims. In the end, this trip was beyond all my expectations. Truly the Spirit was at work transforming hearts and minds. We share with you some of the reflections and photos from those who went on this trip.—PASTOR SONJA PANCOAST



The pilgrims included people from Colorado, Florida, Montana, and Virginia, all coming together to walk in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



The group of 47 friends and strangers blended well together and cared for each other.

My Holy Land experience was so full of information and events, but I think the boat trip on the Sea of Galilee was very moving. I was so surprised to see how far Jesus and His followers had to walk and the terrain and conditions they endured. It is interesting how many different faiths and customs are all mixed together in a small area and continue to coexist to this day.—GWEN BOSWELL



The pilgrimage included a cruise on the Sea of Galilee.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Traveling to the Holy Land gave me pure bliss. Whether it was remembering my baptism in the Jordan River, seeing The Pit where Jesus was tortured, or experiencing the culture in Palestine, my eyes were opened and my heart fulfilled. The Holy Land brought the Word to life; I wasn't just hearing about how awesome God was, I was seeing it, experiencing it, and living it.—EMILEE CHRISTENSEN



Emilee's eyes were opened as she experienced the culture in Palestine. She is pictured here with Osama, John, and Iyad.



This day was one of calm and serenity aboard ship on the Sea of Galilee.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

I found myself coming home and not having words to describe the experience of being in the Holy Land. “It was amazing!” doesn’t seem to do it justice. The most memorable thing for me was, as I journeyed through the Holy Land, reading my Bible moved from a 2-D to a 3-D experience—I was seeing the Bible in the way it was meant to be seen, as a book grounded in a real culture, with real geography, and real history. It’s not just that I was walking in the



Angie rested her sandaled feet in the wilderness.

footsteps of Jesus, but I came away from the Holy Land feeling as though I had “encountered” Jesus—I had seen, touched, felt, smelled, heard, and maybe even tasted some of the same things that Jesus did. I experienced what it felt like to sail on the Sea of Galilee, walk the

streets of the old city of Jerusalem, and worship at the top of the Mount of Beatitudes. I realized that Jesus came as a real human to real people in a real place...and I was there! Stories that I had read for decades came alive

in a new and inspiring way and there were moments that it literally took my breath away. I was truly blessed by this amazing pilgrimage and pray that my pilgrimage continues as I allow all that I experienced in the Holy Land to change me from the inside out.—ANGIE ELDER



Angie experienced what it felt like to sail on the Sea of Galilee.



The Sea of Galilee is a fresh-water lake in the district of Galilee in northern Palestine. Due to the height of the hills surrounding the below sea-level lake, abrupt temperature shifts occur, causing sudden and violent storms as New Testament accounts indicate. The northern end of the lake has little protection and remains subject to strong winds.

Nevertheless, the natural features of climate, fertile soil, and abundance of water attracted inhabitants from prehistoric times to the present day to settle along the shores of the lake. The main route of an international highway known as the *Via Maris* followed a portion of the western coast of the lake, helping the area to develop as one of the larger population centers in New Testament Palestine. Fishing, agriculture, and fruit growing added to the attraction of the area.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

It would take me a hundred pages to write all I have to say about my trip to Israel. But to keep it short, I will summarize a few thoughts. I continue to have this warm feeling in my chest every minute I think about all the wonderful things we experienced, following as pilgrims in the path of Jesus, before his birth to his resurrection. Upon awakening the first morning, I opened the drapes in our hotel room, and gasped as I looked out at the sunrise over the Sea of Galilee. Being taken out on a wooden boat on the Sea of Galilee, I was able to feel Jesus' presence, remembering him guiding his disciples in stormy waters. My greatest spiritual experience was having my baptism reaffirmed on the River Jordan, just as Jesus was baptized there by John the Baptist. I felt renewed and so fortunate to be a child of God. There are so many more memories I have to tell you about. It was the most meaningful trip of my life, and it will stay with me forever.

—GRATEFULLY WRITTEN BY LINDA JUERGENSEN



Linda saw the sunrise over the Sea of Galilee from her hotel window.



The pilgrims sailed on the Sea of Galilee in a wooden boat.

Now when reading the Bible, it becomes more real. I can picture the area that is being talked about. The two church services and communion at the Mount of the Beatitudes and Garden of the Tomb were very touching.—ARLENE RONEY

The trip was fantastic; the hot, humid, and sweaty days were very much worth it. Every place we visited was a highlight and learning experience. I really enjoyed the boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, the blessings and baptism at the Jordan River, and the road to Jericho. I really enjoyed all the other pilgrims on the trip and my family.—DON RONEY

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Pilgrims Kathy and Janice Ehlers share a bond on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The elaborate and gorgeous cathedrals were not nearly as impressive as the still small voice that daily whispered: Jesus was truly here but is still with me always and anywhere. Gratitude to fellow pilgrims who gave freedom to each other to laugh, let go, lift up, live, and love each other. Perhaps these pilgrim gifts to each other erased the sadness for a few days that the very birthplace of peace and love is so torn apart.—KATHY PANCOAST

The trip to the Holy Land was amazing. I absolutely loved walking where Jesus walked, and I experienced countless emotional moments, even in places where the surroundings bore no resemblance to what Jesus experienced. However, the huge and unexpected surprise was learning about the everyday lives of Palestinians and how challenging life in Israel is for them.

—JULIE WILSON



The pilgrims are in close relationship with God as they share the bread and wine in worship.



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Special gratitude to Pastor Joel and Pastor Sonja for leading the pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Special thanks to all the pilgrims who have since shared their inspirational stories.

Troop 314 Status Update—Summer 2019

Brock Buss

Troop 314 of Zion Lutheran Church has been busy this summer! Our activities included learning about and using watercraft at Ryan's Gulch, campouts, backpacking, and working on earning merit badges in digital technology, oceanography, and bicycling.

June started off with four scouts attending National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) at Ben Delatour scout ranch. A crew of nineteen sailed from the Seabase High Adventure base to the Abacos Islands, Bahamas. Eighteen scouts attended Camp Chris Dobbins at the Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch for a week-long summer camp. Finally two scouts attended National Youth Leadership Experience at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. In the community, Troop 314 raised and lowered flags at the Loveland Cemetery on Memorial day.

Planned service projects include installing Kenneth Eberhardt's aluminum ramp and assisting the Loveland Rotary with their annual Duck Race fundraiser.



Scouts Will and Eli attended National Youth Leadership Experience at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.



Eighteen scouts attended summer camp at Camp Chris Dobbins at the Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch.



A crew of scouts sailed from the Seabase High Adventure base to the Abacos Islands in the Bahamas.

Cub Scout Pack 298

Tim and Julie Call

We have had a fun summer with fishing, hiking, swimming, and day camp.

Meetings are normally Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. Fall meetings start August 27 at 6:30 p.m.

All kindergarten through 5th grade welcome. For more information contact pack298cub@gmail.com.

We would love to have new scouts join in on the fun!



God's Work. Our Hands FEET!

For the 8th consecutive year, the Faster Pastors are using their FEET to do God's work and witness to God's abiding care for all God's people by running for a cause that benefits the ministry of the church. In 2012, twelve pastors from all over the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA got together to form the first team. The team roster changes a bit year-to-year, but this year September 13-14 the Faster Pastors will run the Ragnar Colorado Relay, a 200-mile relay from Castle Rock to Fort Collins. We will miss the mountain views and cooler temperatures of running through the mountains, but this new course will also be a great opportunity to show some of our Colorado Front Range congregations what we are about and invite them to come cheer us on as we pass through our nearby local communities. In fact, if you want to come cheer, PASTOR JOEL's final leg on Saturday morning will be in Loveland, starting at Thompson Valley High School and ending somewhere on Glade Road. We will give more details about an approximate time and how to follow the team's progress later.

The beneficiaries of the fundraising aspect of our runs have been widespread, from fighting malaria in Africa, to providing assistance for refugees in war-torn nations around the world, to providing support to countries and churches where extreme hunger and malnutrition are a reality, to global missionary work of the ELCA. This year, needs around the world felt so great that instead of choosing a specific direction, the team chose to highlight the overall work of the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). While LDR joins many aid and relief organizations during and immediately after a disaster, LDR can boast of being one of the few organizations that sticks around for long-term rebuilding. The mission of LDR is to bring "God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need." Because LDR is a ministry of the ELCA, it is not "their" work, but "our" work as a congregation of the ELCA. Every dollar we give to LDR goes to this work and ministry around the world. Currently, LDR is doing God's work by providing the following assistance.

2019 Hurricane Response	U.S. Tornadoes	U.S. Flooding	Cyclone Idai
Gaza Humanitarian Assistance	Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami	U.S. Wildfires	South Sudan Relief
Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis	AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors	Africa Drought	West Virginia Flooding

The above is not even a comprehensive list! To learn more about the work that LDR is doing and where WE are providing aid together as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, check out their website, Facebook page, or follow their blog at <https://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse/>.

This is God's Work. Our Hands. And Feet.



Pastor Joel runs to do God's work for a cause that benefits the ministry of the church.



Pastor Sonja and Pastor Joel meet at a runner exchange in the middle of the night.

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**Fall Worship Schedule Starts
September 8**

Join Us in Worship

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
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**

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Change of Service Requested

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

August 11	Farewell and Godspeed to Intern Pastor Courtney Steitz
August 11	Special Meeting of the Zion Congregation
August 12	Help Monroe Teachers Set Up Classrooms
August 15	Deadline to Sign Up for Crossways Class
August 16	Monroe Back to School Night Sack Dinners
August 18	Blessing of the Backpacks
August 25	Confirmation Kickoff
August 27	Children's Music Ministry Startup
September 3	Girl Talk Kickoff
September 8	Sunday School Kickoff; Entry into Sunday School Milestone
September 8	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday Paint Monroe Classrooms
September 13-14	Faster Pastors Ragnar Colorado Relay
September 14	L2F2 All Ages Outdoor Movie Night
September 15	Entry into Confirmation Milestone; Crossways Class Begins
September 22	L2F2 Young Adult Mini Golf Outing
September 22	Summer 2020 High School Youth Trip Meeting
October 12	Pastor Joel Goes Over the Edge
October 12	L2F2 Kids Night In / Parents Night Out
October 13	3rd Grade Bibles
October 25	Trunk or Treat Math Night at Monroe
October 26	Rent-A-Youth Fundraiser
October 27	Confirmation Sunday