



# Eye on Zion

A Quarterly Newsletter for the People of Zion Lutheran Church

August-September-October  
2020

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## Cultivating Gratitude

*Pastor Sonja*

Each year instead of making a New Year's Resolution (which I will inevitably break before I even get to the end of January), I have begun the spiritual practice of choosing a word to guide me through the year. At the beginning of Advent (the beginning of the church year), I ask God to lead me to the word that I need for that coming year. I have had various words such as peace, patience, or positive in the past (I was on a kick of P words for a while). This year I was not led to a P word but instead to the word "grateful." I think God must have had a sense of humor because in the midst of all the craziness of this year, being grateful has grounded me and is exactly the word that I need for this time.

Being grateful is a way of approaching the world and being present in the moment. I look around at what I am grateful for this day or even for just this moment and it changes my perspective. Suddenly I see things differently. I am focused on what I have and not on what I don't have. I focus on the

gifts God has blessed me with instead of what I am lacking.

As we approach this fall, we will spend time in worship on various spiritual practices that help us grow as individuals and as a community. We continue through August to hear about *Unraveled: Seeking God When Our Plans Fall Apart*. As we move into the fall we have two new worship series planned. In September, our worship focuses on difficult communal spiritual practices of *Loving When It's Difficult*; in October, we focus on spiritual growth through *Cultivating Gratitude*.

I think the best time to focus on gratitude may not be when we are surrounded by abundance, but in the more difficult times in our life when it is easy to forget all that God has given us. Living in a pandemic is obviously one of the more difficult times many of us have had to live through. We struggle with the reality of caring for our health and even our life and

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not knowing one day to the next what the world will look like. Even though we may be physically isolated from each other, the church is a gift from God that helps keep us grounded on God's grace and love. Throughout this newsletter, I invite you into the practice of Cultivating Gratitude as we give thanks for the many ways that we can connect to God and each other and care for those most in need in the midst of an uncertain and unknown future for us all.

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## **Summer Worship Schedule (August 9—September 6)**

**Outdoor—8:15 a.m.**

**Zoom—9:30 a.m.**

Starting Sunday, August 9, and continuing through Labor Day weekend, we offer an outdoor, in-person worship option in addition to our regular Zoom worship at 9:30 a.m. In order to be sure that we do not exceed the number in worship as permitted by the Larimer County Health Department variance for Houses of Worship, everyone who wants to attend the 8:15 a.m. outdoor worship will need to sign up either via the Sign Up Genius that will be sent by email or by calling the church office.

We are grateful that we are able to gather together again. We do, however, need to follow the guidelines to keep everyone safe as established by the Regathering at Zion team. These guidelines include:

- Outdoor worship only—participant access to the building for restrooms only
- Masks worn at all times
- 40 worship attendees (not including staff and worship leaders)
- Condensed worship time—45 minutes or less
- Instrumental music only—no congregational singing
- No Holy Communion
- Physical distance of 6 feet between chairs or a minimum of 28 sq. ft. per person
- No coffee-hour following worship.



**Outdoor in-person summer worship resumes under the pergola at Zion.**

The service may fill before Friday at noon and is on a “first-come, first-serve” basis. You are welcome to sign up for as many Sundays as you wish; however, despite the “first-come, first-serve” basis, if you have signed up for multiple weeks, we may contact you to remove you for one or more of the weeks if the spaces are filled and someone who has been unable to sign up for any Sundays wants to attend.

Only those on the list who made a reservation for outdoor worship will be able to attend. **People who show up for service without a reservation will be asked to return home and attend worship via Zoom at 9:30 a.m.** This outdoor worship service will be held as long as Larimer County continues the current variance for Houses of Worship to worship with up to 50 participants. Worship will have to cease if the variance is revoked by the county or if all of the above guidelines are not kept.

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## Music Ministry

*Keenan Boswell*

**I**n October, worship at Zion will be focused on Cultivating Gratitude. This theme will be practiced and expressed in Zion's music ministry in several different ways. We will continue to find creative ways of gathering the church's volunteers together with our music staff to make a joyful noise to God together. Members of the choir and praise band will continue to be invited to volunteer on Sundays as long as it's deemed safe to do so. Zion's chancel choir will resume meeting every Wednesday evening on our digital Zoom platform for choir rehearsals and continued fellowship. And, the bell choir will resume practicing together. The schedule for the children's choir, however, is undetermined at this time.

Despite the uncertainties of what our future looks like from week to week, we will cultivate gratitude for the opportunities we have in the now. We will continue planning with gratitude for the opportunities presented to us in the now moment, knowing these plans can change at any moment. We will continue singing well-loved songs that help build up and sustain our community. We will continue finding gratitude for the opportunity to focus our attention beyond the things that drag us down and instead focus our attention on what builds us up, together.

## Grateful for an Amazing Staff at Zion

*We give thanks for the amazing staff at Zion.*

*In the last number of months, they have given creativity and passion to thinking of new ways to connect in these times. They have been nimble and changed many aspects of their job to help out with whatever is needed at Zion. You may find **MADLINE** monitoring the Zoom chat on Sundays and delivering faith formation materials for the home, or **LINDSEY**, the office manager, running the video camera each week, while **STIG** has been busy wiring speakers for outdoor worship. **KEENAN AND NOELLE** have both found ways to keep our praises to God in worship beautiful, while also engaging choir and band members either by Zoom or as worship leaders.*

*Words cannot express the deep gratitude we have for each of the staff at Zion and how they are caring for the community of Zion and those beyond our walls.*

*With Gratitude, and on behalf of the entire congregation, we give thanks!*

*Pastor Joel and Pastor Sonja*

## Fall Worship Begins

### Sunday, September 13, 2020

8:30 a.m.—Traditional by Zoom

10:30 a.m.—Contemporary by Zoom

As we move into the fall rhythms, we give thanks for the ability to continue to worship safely by Zoom and will return to two worship services as we usually do in the fall. The times will be slightly different to accommodate the need for staff to prepare for worship leadership. Starting September 13, we will have an 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship and a 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship. We will continue having communion the first Sunday of the month.

As we move into the fall we have two new worship series planned.

#### Loving When It's Difficult

September 13	God's Perspective	Genesis 50:15-21
September 20	God's Mercy	Jonah 3:10-4:11
September 27	A New Heart	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

#### Cultivating Gratitude

October 4	Cultivating Peace	Philippians 4:1-9
October 11	Cultivating Acceptance	Matthew 22:1-14
October 18	Cultivating Appreciation	Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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## Grateful for Generous Hearts that Care for Others

In late spring, we reached out to the congregation to let you know about the possibility of giving to the Member Assistance Fund to help our members who are in need.

These funds are available to members who are experiencing hardships due to unforeseen circumstances related to the pandemic. This may include individuals who have lost their source of income or have had to defer bills due to impacts related to COVID-19.

To date, we have received about \$12,100 from the congregation. We have helped three families who are in need, but we are aware that many have been receiving unemployment benefits, which will be ending soon, or deferring bills. We are here to help each other as the body of Christ and support each other in this time, and we know that things may get worse before they get better.

If you are in need of assistance, please contact the church office or one of the pastors.

## Regathering at Zion

We give thanks for the hard work of the Regathering at Zion team who has met many times each month to help determine the best ways and times for our congregation to safely regather at Zion. In all of its decision-making processes, the team has determined that their ultimate priority is the health and safety of our members and those who gather at Zion. Their purpose is to determine the protocols and timing for how we best regather at Zion. The resources that they use to guide their decisions include the CDC, State and County Health Departments, Church Mutual Insurance, and the ELCA Churchwide and Rocky Mountain Synod Office of the Bishop.

The building project is in its final stages of being approved for occupancy. To that end, the team has determined the following protocols:

- temperature checks for all staff
- physical distance of 6 feet or more between people
- one-way directional entrances
- masks required
- heightened cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing procedures.

Our first regathering at Zion happened in mid-July with the tours of the building, which included 10 people or fewer going through the building to see all the wonderful work that has been done and blessing it for God's service in our community.

Starting August 9, we began to have outdoor worship with 50 or fewer participants (including staff) until Labor Day.

The office staff are beginning to work with small groups and committees who would like to meet in person at Zion. According to the Larimer County variance for Houses of Worship, these gatherings must be of 10 or fewer people. For groups larger than 10 people, an approval process through the county is required. Small groups, support groups, and committees of 10 or fewer can schedule a time to use the building by contacting the church office. Please note that the entire building was re-keyed during the construction so old keys will not work.

The Regathering at Zion team encourages the use of Zoom to allow those who would like to stay at home to be able to do so and still participate in worship and small groups. We can set up small group meetings through Zoom only or meetings that integrate in-person and Zoom participation together. Contact the church office for more information about setting up small group opportunities.

We are grateful for all the hard work of the Regathering at Zion team. Thank you to:

RONDA BUCK

SARAH CHRISTENSEN

VICKI JOHNSON

BILL KURTZ

SCOTT SPRAIN

CINDY WARREN

PASTOR JOEL

PASTOR SONJA.

## Zion's New Columbarium and Memorial Garden

We have already gotten many questions from people about the new Columbarium that stands in the Memorial Garden. A Board of Trustees is hard at work determining the details of issues like cost, procedures for interment, perpetual upkeep of the garden, among many other things. The board is made up of:

RICK BILSTAD

MARTHANN DAHLEN

DEBBIE JONCAS

ELIZABETH MARKHAM

CAROLYN SCHULTZ

PASTOR JOEL PANCOAST.

The Memorial Garden at Zion Lutheran Church stands as a witness of the resurrection and as a reminder of our connection to those saints who have gone before us in life and in death and have passed on their faith to those living now. Within the Memorial Garden stands a Columbarium for the interment of those who wish for their remains after death to be placed in this setting. Directly adjacent to both the sanctuary wall and the outdoor worship space, this space provides a peaceful place of remembrance and reflection as well as a visible sign of those saints who gather with us around the throne of grace whenever the body of Christ gathers for worship of the Living God.

Since Zion's building and grounds are understood as a gift from God, every effort will be made to



**Zion's Memorial Garden provides a peaceful setting to reflect on our gratitude to God for all the saints who have gone before us in faith.**

share that gift with all. Therefore, interment is not limited to members of Zion. As it is God's desire to care for the poor, it is also our desire to provide a proper burial place for those who may not have a faith community to pay for a proper burial.

We will announce the process and the cost for pre-purchasing a niche in the Columbarium as soon as possible, but every effort will be made to keep it affordable, while also ensuring the perpetual care of the garden and funds for a second Columbarium to be built when the niches on the first are filled.

Now that this space is completed, you are invited to come any time to sit on the benches in the garden and reflect on your gratitude to God for all those saints who have gone before us in faith.

Taking a picnic lunch and sitting on a bench in the Memorial Garden, DAVE AND ELAINE HART found a peaceful place to sit and reflect. This, they said, was their "high" for the week.

## God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 13, 2020

While we cannot gather as we usually do with the other ELCA churches in Loveland to do community service projects together in our town, we can still make a difference together for those in our community.

For the last few years, we have joined King of Glory and Trinity Lutheran churches to engage either in one large project or several smaller projects in which people can participate. This year, we are still joining with them to make a difference in the world but in a slightly different way; this year we will both decorate the sidewalks of those who need something to brighten up their day, and we will receive donations for Habitat for Humanity!



This is a two-part service project. The first part is for those who want to do chalk art, either as individuals or as a household group. If you would like to help with chalk art, contact the church office. You do not have to be a great artist; the only requirement is a desire to share joy!

The second part is that we are asking anyone to “nominate” someone to be a recipient of our beautiful, joyful sidewalk chalk art! If you know someone who could use some joy, contact the church office with their name and address. In exchange for a monetary donation to Habitat for Humanity in Loveland, we will spread this joy to your nominee! The recipients do not need to be members of the congregation; they can be anyone in the Loveland and surrounding areas.

Of course, in the spirit of fun we will keep track of which of the three church communities raises the most money for Habitat for Humanity, and which community has the most individuals or households creating chalk art!

Let's decorate the town to spread joy and help those in need in our community to spread God's abundance.

Together we are doing God's Work, Our Hands!

## Book Selections 2020/2021 Zion Evening Book Group

SEPTEMBER—*The Wright Brothers*, by David McCullough, 2015, 337 pages. Nonfiction. Thursday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Charlotte Schmidt, 2306 Firstview Drive, Loveland, 80538 (or Zoom if still the safest).

OCTOBER—*The Night Watchman*, by Louise Erdrich, 2020, 464 pages, Fiction. Thursday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

NOVEMBER—*Calypso*, by David Sedaris, 2018, 273 pages. Nonfiction. Thursday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

JANUARY—*Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*, by Yuval Noah Harari, 2015, 469 pages, Nonfiction. January 21 at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

FEBRUARY—*Breakfast with Buddha*, by Roland Merullo, 2008, 254 pages, Fiction. February 18 at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

MARCH—*A Woman of No Importance*, by Sonia Purnell, 2019, 368 pages, Nonfiction. March 18, at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

APRIL—*Lilac Girls*, by Martha Hall Kelly, 2016, 497 pages. Fiction. Thursday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

MAY—*The World According to Fannie Davis*, by Bridgett Davis, 2019, 337 pages, Nonfiction. Thursday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD.

## Faith Formation

*Madeline Fairfax*

### August Youth Hangouts

Middle school and high school youth at Zion and King of Glory are invited to gather on Wednesday nights in August for fellowship and fun. Beginning in September, we will transition to a school year schedule with separate monthly events for high school youth and middle school youth.

Wednesday, August 5, 7-8 p.m. at Zion

Wednesday, August 12, 7-8 p.m. via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7954670779>

Wednesday, August 19, 7-8 p.m. at King of Glory

Wednesday, August 26, 7-8 p.m. via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7954670779>

### L2F2 All Ages Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, August 28

6:00 p.m. Showing—Family Movie

8:00 p.m. Showing—Teen Movie

Rain date: Friday, September 18

Bring your own chairs or blanket and your own snacks and drinks for a fun socially-distanced church movie night!

Meet on the Zion front patio for one or both films.

This is not a drop-off event. Children under 6th grade must attend with an adult.

### Drive-Thru Back-to-School Blessing

Sunday, August 30

11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church Parking Lot

Students, teachers, and school staff at any grade level can drive through to pick up blessing bags with a small gift and receive a blessing after worship.

If you can't stop by on August 30, please call the church office at 970-667-1836 to schedule a pick-up time.

### Nourish Ministry Kick-Off

Saturday, September 12

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Outside at Zion

Nourish is a monthly ministry devoted to feeding the body, mind, and soul.

Adult participants will meet in a large group for an introduction to the monthly topic before splitting up into small groups for discussion, group building, and prayer. There will be an outdoor kids' ministry component for children of participants.

After months of being physically apart, come together to find community, support, and connection.

Zion regathering guidelines will be followed at this event.



## Faith Formation

*Madeline Fairfax*

### Confirmation Kick-Off

Sunday, August 30, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84130833348>

If any 6th-8th grader in your family is interested in joining Confirmation ministry this year, please contact Madeline at [faithformation@zionloveland.com](mailto:faithformation@zionloveland.com) or 419-270-6233.

This year's Confirmation class rotation will be focused on Luther's Small Catechism and Lutheran History. Confirmation ministry includes classes, retreats, mentoring, and Confirmation Camp at Sky Ranch.

Confirmation ministry is shared with King of Glory Lutheran Church.

### Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, October 25

Noon

Zion Parking Lot—Rain or shine

Join in this drive-in style Affirmation of Baptism service as our newest class of confirmands join our community. We will celebrate Confirmation at this brief outdoor service, and we want our confirmands to see and feel the support of the faith community that welcomes them.

Park in the parking lot and tune your radio to Zion's station. Service will be led from the worship entrance area.

Celebrating their Affirmation of Baptism will be:

PAYTON PEACH  
MATT PICKETT  
ALEX PRAZAN  
ANNA SCHLAGEL.

### First Communion Classes

to be held in the afternoon via Zoom

Sunday, October 4

Sunday, October 11

Sunday, October 25

### First Communion Worship

Sunday, November 1

9:30 a.m. via Zoom

First Communion at Zion is taught at a variety of ages. If you feel your child is ready to receive this Sacrament, you are invited to sign up for our fall session.

First Communion instruction will be offered to any interested participants in a blended small-group Zoom and at-home instruction format that is tailored to each age group registered. Zoom sessions will be short and sweet and at-home materials for family exploration will be provided.

We will celebrate First Communion on All Saints Sunday with Communion worship via Zoom, as we gather at the table with those in our community and those who have gone before us. First Communicants will receive communion at home surrounded by their loved ones and using bread they make together.

If you would like more information or to sign up for First Communion, please contact Madeline at [faithformation@zionloveland.com](mailto:faithformation@zionloveland.com) or 419-270-6233.

## Faith Formation

*Madeline Fairfax*

### **Congratulations to Zion's Scholarship Recipients for the 2020-2021 Academic Year**

#### **Petersen Scholarship**

In memory of Claire Petersen

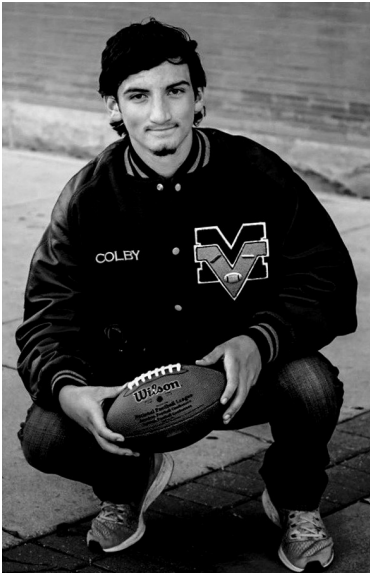
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(continuation of scholarship)

#### **InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship**

Sponsored by InFaith, Zion's  
endowment partner awarded to  
OLIVIA TATE

#### **Therp Scholarship**



COLBY VREM

#### **Sprenger Scholarship**

In memory of Lee and Loretta Sprenger



ANTHONY BARTELSON



TYNE KLAMMER



HANNAH TATE



OLIVIA TATE

## Grateful To Those Who Serve



**Pastor Sonja delivers a book of prayers and blessings to Michael Teesdale who has joined the Navy.**

MICHAEL TEESDALE is at Navy bootcamp in Great Lakes, Illinois. He is set to graduate August 13 after which he will be assigned to 'A' school in Florida, from where he will receive his orders.

On June 14, we blessed Michael and his journey in our worship. After worship, Pastor Sonja delivered to him a book of prayers and blessings for those in military service. We are grateful for Michael's service; we pray for his safety and peace for his family.



an inspiring experience of Christ on the mountaintops. This year, the ministry of Sky Ranch has continued, though it looks different. The Sky Ranch board of directors committed to paying all staff who had been hired to continue ministry in creative ways, providing resources to families and congregations even from a distance. Among those staff is Zion's own EMMA BLUNDELL!

**In a letter to members of Zion dated July 2020 from Brad Abbott, Executive Director of Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp, he writes:**

*"We are excited to let you know that Emma Blundell is serving on the 2020 Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp Summer Staff! What a blessing!"*

*We want to 'thank you' for your part in the faith formation of Emma and nurturing in her the Christian call to serve at Sky Ranch this very different summer of 2020."*

We are grateful for the work of Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp and its partnership with Zion. We have sent countless children, youth, and adults for



**Zion's Emma Blundell is on staff at Sky Ranch this summer.**

## Sweet Memories

### Zion Kids at Sky Ranch in 2009



**Back row:**  
Zephaniah Barela, Fischer Peach, Layne Elder,  
Ryan Black

**Middle row**  
Ellie Black, Sophia Pancoast, Maddie Elder

**Front row:**  
Peyton Peach, Emilee Christensen, Hannah Pancoast

### Monroe

What we know for now is that no volunteers are allowed in classrooms, but also that plans seem to change on a weekly basis. We are in a wait-and-see mode, but Zion will heed the call when Monroe is in position to reach out.

Zion is  
proud to  
support  
KidsPak



regularly. We have sent thousands of dollars every year to support the work they do to provide food to kids in the Thompson School District. Currently, we send half of the money we receive from King Soopers Community Rewards to KidsPak (the other half goes to ELCA World Hunger). This alone could amount to almost \$2,000 that is sent to KidsPak, so if you haven't directed your King Soopers Community Rewards, please consider directing them to Zion so that we can share with those who hunger. We have also sent Great Gift Away funds to KidsPak, which represent monetary gifts given as gratitude for each year of a birthday, anniversary, or other life event.

Without school in session, the work KidsPak does has been more difficult, but they have found ways to continue to provide. As of August 1, Tom Carrigan, the KidsPak director, reported the following numbers:

- September 2019 to May 2020—89,665 meals in 17,933 bags
- June 2020—14,375 meals in 2,875 bags
- July 2020 through 7/24—7,010 meals in 1,402 bags.

KidsPak will distribute food ALL Fridays in August, and will start to pack bags to send to schools in September.

We are very appreciative to Loveland High, Berthoud High, Mountain View, and Thompson Valley High students who have packed over 7,000 bags since April.

We are grateful for the work of KidsPak, and for the generosity of the Zion congregation!

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## Zion Mission Committee Helps Feed Ugandan Refugees

### *Will Reents, Committee Chairman*

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many refugees in Uganda are food deprived for several reasons. First, many are small shop owners or street vendors making just enough to survive before COVID-19, but now have been shut down by orders from the Ugandan government. Secondly, many have had their small plots of land, where they grow food, taken from them by landlords or the government. Thirdly, the UN World Food Program is overwhelmed with so many requests that they can hardly meet the demand.

Think Humanity (TH) , a local NGO (non-

governmental organization) has for the last few years been selling Christmas ornaments at Zion in support of these refugees. TH has raised over \$20,000 and given 16 tons of food recently to meet their demand, yet the need continues.

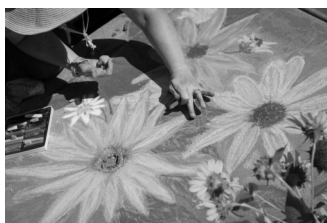
To help, Zion's Mission Committee has appropriated \$1,220 to TH which will feed about 30 large families for one month, giving them a total of 30 kg. of rice, corn, and beans.

The TH staff know each of these families. To hear their sad stories of near starvation, go to Facebook and enter ThinkHumanity Inc. or go to their website.

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## Pastels on 5th

Thanks to the creativity of JESSICA KUHNS, Zion has participated in Pastels on 5th for several years. Pastels on 5th is a sidewalk chalk art festival that pairs local artists with sponsoring organizations to raise funds for Alternatives to Violence (ATV). Alternatives to Violence provides shelter, advocacy, education, and resources for people impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Zion has been proud to sponsor Jessica as our artist and to support the important work of ATV.



**Jessica's 2018 chalk masterpiece featured flowers.**

The festival has always been a fun day of enjoying the work of the artists, along with live music, food, a marketplace with artisan booths, and a children's area where kids can create their own sidewalk masterpieces. Unfortunately, Pastels on 5th is unable to include all of these fun highlights, but they have received a variance from Larimer County to hold a modified version of the event.

On Saturday, September 12, 5th Street will be closed for artists, as well as The Foundry Plaza and a few other public locations (TBD). There will be no live music or food trucks, but the artwork will be open to public viewing once the artists have completed their artwork in order to prevent crowds and keep the artists safe.

Please consider supporting and showing your gratitude for Jessica's artwork. After 5th Street has opened for viewers, see if you can find Jessica's art, take a picture with you or a family member in it, and send it to us to post on social media. Thanks for your support of ATV, and for Jessica's creative expression!



## Among Members and Friends

### Prayers for Those who have Lost Loved Ones

*Linda Sterner at the death of her mother, Ada.*

*Ellen Leenerts at the death of her sister, Patty.*

*Joel Brauner at the death of his grandmother, Phyllis.*

*Royce Schultz at the death of his brother, Doug.*

*Dan Stone at the death of his mother, Susan.*

*Randy Davis at the death of his mother, Bernice.*

*Dawn Arzuliatis at the death of her son-in-law, Eli.*

*Shirley Campbell at the death of her brother, Art.*

*Matt Moore at the death of his grandfather.*

**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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### Thank You Letters to Zion

- April 20, 2020—From House of Neighborly Service for a donation of \$602.04.
- April 22, 2020—From Lutheran Disaster Response for a gift of \$1,836.
- April 28, 2020—From Community Kitchen for a donation of \$910.
- June 30, 2020—From Loveland Rotary Foundation for Zion's interest in their COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund. (See the article on page 15 of this newsletter.)

## Christian Auto Repair Service (C.A.R.S.)

*Zion creates a fund and Loveland Rotary Foundation steps up in support.*

Every June, Zion usually collects food, nonperishable items, and monetary donations for House of Neighborly Service (HNS). This year, food donations to HNS have been strong, so after some discussion with one of the HNS Family Navigators, it was determined that we would use this year to do something that would make a greater impact for those in need. Case managers at HNS report that car repairs are one of the greatest needs, with very few programs in Loveland able to support them. HNS provides services for food, housing and rent assistance, utility billing assistance, job training, and many other areas of need. However, they have seen that when a household needs car repairs and cannot afford them, many of those other basic services fall flat because people cannot get where they need to go to receive the services, or travel to work and school. In this time of pandemic and physical isolation, public transportation, carpools, and borrowing vehicles pose an added health risk, making it more important than ever to make sure that these families have reliable transportation to get to work and to the services provided throughout the community.

Zion stepped up to the challenge and started a fund for HNS called Christian Auto Repair Service (C.A.R.S.). You contributed \$3,274, and a generous grant from the Rotary Foundation provided another \$3,000 for a total of \$6,274. The case workers and family navigators at HNS are overjoyed at the ability you have provided for them to help people who are in need of car repairs as much as any other service. Thank you for your generosity!

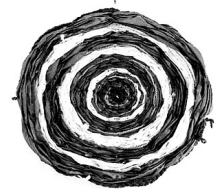


## Weaving Our Prayers Together



Throughout the summer, Zion offered an outdoor community prayer station set up on the front lawn of the church. At all times of the day, people of our community were invited to write a prayer on a strip of cloth and tie it to the line strung between trees. During the following Sunday worship, the

prayers were prayed aloud and also copied onto new strips to be woven into a centerpiece to adorn the sanctuary and serve as a visual sign that God weaves our prayers and our community together.





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## Join Us in Worship

Fall Schedule Begins September 13

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
by Zoom

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
by Zoom

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

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

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

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

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

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

August 5	Youth Hangout
August 9	Outdoor In-Person Worship
August 12	Youth Hangout
August 19	Youth Hangout
August 26	Youth Hangout
August 28	Outdoor Movie Night
August 30	Drive-Thru Back-to-School Blessing
August 30	Confirmation Kick-Off
September 12	Nourish Ministry Kick-Off
September 12	Pastels on 5th
September 13	Fall Worship Schedule Begins
September 13	God's Work. God's Hands. Sunday
September 17	Evening Book Group
October 4, 11, 25	First Communion Classes
October 15	Evening Book Group
October 25	Affirmation of Baptism
November 1	First Communion Worship