



Eye on Zion

A Quarterly Newsletter for the People of Zion Lutheran Church

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Full to the Brim: An Expansive Lent

Intern Pastor Andrea Kragerud

When I was younger, I couldn't help but think of Lent as that period of days associated most notably with an emphasis of having to give something up. I dreaded the decision—would it be chocolate, soda pop, pizza, or maybe even fried foods? I would contemplate carefully what I thought I might be able to give up and not slip up with a cheat. Either way, especially as a teenager, it seemed like an eternity of time marching through those forty days toward Easter where I longed to break the deprivation and be able to indulge in the tasty delight once again.

In my younger adult years, I began shifting my thinking and instead tried taking something on instead of giving up a chocolate treat that I didn't necessarily enjoy that often anyway. In "taking something on," I found I began a practice of pausing more than anything. Most seasons it has turned into reflecting on a Lenten word of the day or short scripture. One year the word reflection activity turned into also snapping a picture of something that struck me or reminded me of the word of the day. At the conclusion of the forty days, it turned into quite the beautiful

reflection of the season in a visual form.



I now realize during Lent, I long for more than just a simple give-up or take-on activity. I long for something that is lasting beyond these forty days. When I first heard the theme for this Lenten season *Full to the Brim*, I admit my mind first thought, I'm full enough with all the "things" life requires of me right now. I then found myself quickly realizing this theme's richness is not to be confused with that anxiety-producing feeling of being full (or fed up) with the day-to-day busyness of life or being overly *full* in a tiring agonizing way at all. I quickly settled into this invitation for experiencing Lent in a new and different way. I realized we are being invited to experience how we are filled to the brim with God's love. It is about experiencing God's love that spills over, that reaches beyond us, that more than fills us to the brim.

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Throughout this Lenten journey, we will be invited to open ourselves up to receiving the abundant and expansive love that God gives knowing we have done nothing to deserve it and yet we do not have to do anything to earn it. We will be reminded of the trust in our own baptisms where God has already claimed us as God's own. On this journey together, may we experience this undeniable feeling of God's love in our lives. May it fill us up, spill over, and expand us. May you be *Full to the Brim*.

Sunday Series—Full to the Brim: An Expansive Lent

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| March 6 | Even in the Desert | Luke 4:1-13; Deuteronomy 26:1-11 |
| March 13 | Under God's Wing | Luke 13:31-35; Psalm 27 |
| March 20 | You are Worthy | Luke 13:1-9; Isaiah 55:1-9 |
| March 27 | Prodigal Grace | Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 |
| April 3 | Brazen Acts of Beauty | John 12:1-8; Isaiah 43:16-2 |
| April 10—Palm/Passion Sunday | Even the Stones Cry Out | Luke 19:28-40 |
| April 17—Easter | An Expansive Life | Luke 24:1-12 |

Lenten Midweek

RAGGED: Spiritual Disciplines for the Spiritually Exhausted

"We can't prepare for the surprising grace of Easter, but perhaps during this season, we can try to unearth the areas of unworthiness and scarcity in our lives. Perhaps we can practice receiving and extending God's grace. Perhaps we can strive for a life that is full—full of hope, courage, joy, honesty, and grace. Isn't that what the resurrection is really about anyway?"—SANCTIFIED ART CREATIVE TEAM©

Many have shared how Lenten dinners and small groups have been important community and faith building activities during Lent here at Zion. We couldn't agree more. As a community, we will continue with the tradition of Zion's midweek Wednesday night Lenten services. Although we are unable to meet in the same way, in the fellowship hall enjoying a meal together, we are intentionally working to create opportunities for everyone to be able to participate in a hybrid fashion. Whether you choose to gather in a small group on Zoom or in person, there will be a way for you to connect in a small group as a cohort.

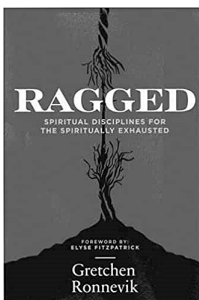
For those comfortable meeting in person, small groups (cohorts) will be grouped to gather in people's homes, can share a modest meal together and small group time before joining for worship in the sanctuary or as a group on Zoom.

Those choosing to stay connected through Zoom will also be placed into small groups. Members of a small group will gather online before worship for a time to connect in their groups with the same choice of attending worship on Zoom or in person in the sanctuary. Our hope is that these gatherings of cohorts,

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online or in person, will create a time for meaningful connection throughout this Lenten journey. The small group time will consist of short, guided discussion, and reflection based on each week's themed topic.

The midweek services will focus on pieces from author Gretchen Ronnevik's book, **RAGGED:**



Spiritual Disciplines for the Spiritually Exhausted. We will explore a different spiritual discipline each week in our worship and small group time. Perhaps some weeks will resonate with you more than others, and some may help you develop a new spiritual practice and discipline that continues beyond Lent. Do you currently practice any of these spiritual discipline areas? What was easy or difficult for you? Do you have an interest in sharing your relationship with one of these midweek Lenten practices? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out to INTERN PASTOR ANDREA if you would be interested in sharing on one of these themes during the midweek worship time.

Following Lent, there will be another opportunity for those interested to continue to connect with others in a small group fashion. More information will come after Easter with how this format will look, topics that will continue our conversations, and how to sign up and stay connected.

Lenten Midweek Worship at Zion

Lenten Midweek Schedule

| Spiritual Disciplines to be Studied | | 5:00-5:45 p.m. | Children's Choir (at Trinity; see page 4 of this newsletter for more important schedule details) |
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| March 9 | Prayer | | |
| March 16 | Rest | 6:00-7:00 p.m. | Dinner and Small Group Conversation (in cohorts at host homes or by Zoom) |
| March 23 | Lament | | |
| March 30 | Word | 7:00 p.m. | Worship (at Zion in person or on Zoom) |
| April 6 | Generosity | 7:30 p.m. | Confirmation Mentoring |

Holy Week at Zion (All services will begin at 7:00 p.m.)

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| March 2 | Ash Wednesday | With All That You Are | Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 |
| April 14 | Maundy Thursday | Take Off Your Shoes | John 13:1-17, 31b-35 |
| April 15 | Good Friday | A Cup of Sorrow | John 19:1-30 |

Holy Week—Joint ELCA Worship Services

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|----------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| March 2 | Ash Wednesday | Noon | Trinity |
| April 14 | Maundy Thursday | Noon | King of Glory |
| April 15 | Good Friday | Noon | Zion |
| April 16 | Easter Vigil | 6:30 p.m. | Trinity |
| April 17 | Easter Sunrise | 6:30 a.m. | Zion Outside in the Memorial Garden |
| | Easter Traditional | 8:15 a.m. | Zion |
| | Easter Contemporary | 10:45 a.m. | Zion |

Children's Music Ministry

Noelle Bauman-Stucky

The end of 2021 was filled with smiles and joy from our children's music members and volunteers. We are happy to continue offering musical opportunities for our Zion community and children in the Loveland area at large. Our Children's Choir will be preparing to share in worship in February and April, Sunday School children will learn music for Palm Sunday, and we are partnering with Trinity Lutheran Church to perform a musical both at Zion and Trinity. There are lots of things in the works, so keep your eyes open for registrations.

Children's Choir

Join us in Worship—February 27, 2022

The Zion Children's Choir invites children from grades 1-8 to prepare music for worship. This includes singing and playing instruments. On February 27, the choir will share two songs at the second service at Zion. I am so thankful that David Dunbar has agreed to have the Praise Band join the choir for this service! This allows the choir to learn a slightly different style of music. Rehearsals have already started, but please contact me if you know someone who is interested.

Children's Choir Rehearsals

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| January 26 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Zion |
| February 2 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Zion |
| February 9 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Zion |
| February 16 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Zion |
| February 23 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Zion |
| February 26 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Zion (Saturday) |
| February 27 | 10:15-11:45 a.m. | Zion (Sunday) |
| *The Sunday call time is subject to change depending on which part of service the children sing. | | |
| March 30 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Trinity |
| April 6 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Trinity |
| April 10 | 8:15-9:15 a.m. | Zion (Sunday) |

Combined Children's Choir and Sunday School

Join us in Worship—April 10, 2022

Members of the Children's Choir and Sunday School will present a song at the first service on Palm Sunday. I will be visiting Sunday School in March to teach children the music. On April 10, the Sunday School children and Children's Choir members will combine to share some beautiful music.

Sunday School Music

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|----------|-----------------|
| March 6 | 9:45-10:15 a.m. |
| March 20 | 9:45-10:15 a.m. |
| March 27 | 9:45-10:15 a.m. |
| April 3 | 9:45-10:15 a.m. |

Zion and Trinity Musical

Join us in Worship—May 1, 2022

We are very excited to partner with Trinity Lutheran to prepare a musical to be shared at both church locations. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday beginning on March 23 at Trinity. We will rehearse through April and then present at Trinity's 9:00 a.m. service and Zion's 10:45 a.m. service on May 1.

To ensure the Children's Choir is ready to sing on April 10, we will be taking a few minutes out of the musical rehearsals to work on our Palm Sunday song. We know the musical rehearsal schedule falls during Lent. We have worked with both churches to ensure families can participate in the musical and be ready for small groups and midweek services throughout Lent.

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Insights by the Intern

Intern Pastor Andrea Kragerud

February is the halfway mark of this piece of my seminary experience. I am finding that very hard to believe. Time just keeps flying, and I am trying to take in everything. I shared recently in the annual report how I think one of the best parts of internship being a full calendar year is getting to go through a complete cycle of the liturgical seasons. I am taking in so much in all areas, but the worship planning process has been invaluable to expanding my learning. The worship committee has many creative ideas. Seeing how all that creativity and prayerful planning is implemented is wonderful to witness. I love seeing what new things take on life in the sacred spaces and prayer stations inviting all of us to interact with worship in new ways.

I can easily say Advent and Christmas were highlights for me. Now I find myself excited to prepare to journey through Lent. This Lenten season is inviting us into an “expansive Lent,” and I look forward to experiencing and learning with all of you what it means to feel Lent in an expansive way. I hope you will be able to participate in this season in a new and expansive way, too.

I have been asked what is next for this second half of my experience. One of the pieces is creating and implementing a project. The definition of the project is made quite broad so that we as interns can be open for creativity and to try something new that might fit within our faith community. Through a variety of different conversations with many of you, I have heard what seems to be a common thread of needing a reset per se. The pandemic has caused us all to rethink how we

function in so many aspects of our lives. Maybe it is not so much a reset but a reconnect that is missing. Spiritual disciplines and our spiritual practices are a great place to begin. The focus of our midweek Lenten worship and small groups will begin to focus in on some key areas of Lent and how we might reimagine these practices in our daily lives. We will be utilizing excerpts from the book **RAGGED: Spiritual Disciplines for the Spiritually Exhausted** by Gretchen Ronnevik.

As part of the internship project, I am taking on more of a lead to organize the midweek Lenten piece. What most excites me is the potential for what can happen after Lent. This is the newer piece that will be the bulk of the project. And this is where you come in. I am looking forward to setting up small group formats for those interested in continuing to practice something they learned during Lent, try on something new, and engage in conversations that take us from feeling spiritually exhausted to spiritually reconnected. Throughout the next few months there will be more

information available as to what this after-Lenten structure will be and how you can participate. I look forward to continuing the journey with you beyond Lent.

Blessings,
Intern Pastor
Andrea Kragerud



Introducing my interim position

Angie Elder

I am blessed and honored to join the staff of Zion for a second time, although with a new title: Interim Connecting Hearts Coordinator. This position was created to provide leadership and coordination for the care ministries at Zion during this time of pastoral transition.

As many of you are aware, I am a seminary student at Denver Seminary pursuing my Master of Divinity with a concentration in chaplaincy. For the past three years, I have been studying theology, Bible, and counseling to prepare for a ministry in chaplaincy and wherever God may lead. This opportunity to serve in this capacity at Zion allows me to utilize my gifts to serve the community here and now.

In this interim role, I will be providing leadership and coordination for the following ministries: care connection callers, home communion ministers, Stephen Ministry, grief care, meals to heal, healing hands, prayer shawl ministry, prayer chain and other prayer ministries, and helping Pastor Joel to schedule pastoral visitations. In a nutshell, I am privileged to walk among the community of Zion and share the abundant and expansive love of God and watch it spill over into all our lives as we minister to and care for one another. If you are interested in learning more regarding any of these ministries, please reach out to me at angie@zionloveland.com or 970-290-4787.

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Musical Rehearsals

March 23 5:00-5:45 p.m. Trinity

March 30 5:00-5:45 p.m. Trinity

*Zion Choir will take 15 minutes to run music for Palm Sunday

April 6 5:00-5:45 p.m. Trinity

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April 13 5:00-5:45 p.m. Trinity

April 20 5:00-5:45 p.m. Trinity

April 23 TBD (**Saturday**) Trinity

April 27 5:00-5:45 p.m. TBD

April 30 TBD (**Saturday**) Zion

Musical Performance

May 1 9:00 a.m. Trinity (Sunday)

May 1 10:45 a.m. Zion (Sunday)

It is a true joy to work with these kids who are eager to create music, make friends, and share their love and praise for God. Speaking for myself and for PAM STEVENS and KATHY PANCOAST, our lives are made better each day we teach and learn from the children. We also know it takes time and commitment from the families to allow participation. For that time and commitment, we are very thankful.

Please reach out if you have any questions about the Zion Lutheran Children's Music Ministry.

Stephen Ministry

Angie Elder

“Christ caring for people through people”

Do you have gifts for caring and listening? Do you desire to minister to those in our congregation who are experiencing difficult times?

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential, one-on-one, Christ-centered care to those experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic/terminal illness, or other difficult times. Stephen Ministers do not have all the answers but do offer care through listening, caring, praying, encouraging, and providing spiritual support.

We invite you to pray and consider joining this caring ministry.

An informational meeting will be held in early May—dates and times are being determined. Watch the bulletin and Eye on Zion for details. Come to learn and experience what Stephen Ministry is from current Stephen Ministers at Zion.

If you have questions or are interested, please contact one of Zion’s Stephen Leaders: GINGER KLEIN, LAURA DIMMITT and ANGIE ELDER.



**Zion is proud to be a
Stephen Ministry
congregation.**

My interim position at Zion

Chrissy Wolfe

My parents brought us to Zion faithfully since we moved to Loveland in 1982. This is my home church, and I am excited and proud to work with our youth and Zion families as the interim faith formation coordinator. I work full time as the Early Childhood Secretary in our school district. I believe these two jobs go quite well together as I am passionate about helping families who are starting out both in public school and Sunday School. I am excited to stay connected with the older youth, as I taught Sunday School for three years when they were starting confirmation!

So, let’s get connected! You may text me at 970-391-0758 as well as email me at faithformation@zionloveland.com.

Home Communion Ministers

Angie Elder

In this time of pandemic, some have returned to in-person worship at Zion; however many home-centered members are unable to attend worship in person. Each month, home communion ministers are sent out from worship to bring the gifts of worship to those at home: Holy Communion, prayer, and fellowship. Currently, we are in need of additional home communion ministers. If you would like to experience the blessing of bringing Christ’s presence to others and receive training to be a home communion minister, please contact Angie at angie@zionloveland.com or 970-290-4787. In addition, if you or someone you know would like to receive home communion, please let Angie know.

Living into a Culture of Mission and Action

Pastor Joel Pancoast

Last year, the Long Range Planning Committee started working with a consultant toward discerning a new mission and vision that would lead us into a new stage of ministry together. During the pandemic, Zion was able to support many ministries throughout our community and even around the world, but many feel the isolation and distancing have hurt our congregation's sense of community and common work together as a church. So this is a perfect time for us to lean into a new mission and vision together as we look for ways to grow together again in fellowship and get our hands busy with service.

The committee asked the congregation to complete surveys that included questions about engagement at Zion, the most important issues or concerns in the church or greater community, and where or how you see God might be leading us into future ministry. We were pleased to receive more than 160 completed surveys that provided very helpful information for the committee to work toward a mission and vision.

Finally, at the January 2022 annual meeting, we were able to present Zion's new mission and vision to the congregation! A *mission* identifies why we exist and gives direction for what we are called to do as a congregation today. Mission is a call to action. A *vision* defines what the world will look like when we accomplish our mission. It's the "why" of our mission.

Zion's Mission—Together we share God's abundance to transform lives through the love of Jesus.

Zion's Vision—Living in God's boundless love, in Christ we envision a future where church and community are one.

- We are rooted in the gospel, grounded in the love of Christ and open to the Spirit's leading.
- Our community is transformed through relationships.
- All are embraced and celebrated in their differences.
- The gifts God has given each of us are identified, appreciated, and shared.
- Through Christ, the complicated, difficult, and sometimes messy nature of gathering people of different perspectives and backgrounds are recognized and welcomed.
- Everyone's needs are met because God's abundance has been shared.
- God's gift of creation is cared for and protected.

We are excited about this mission and vision, and hope you agree that it is exciting and leads us into a daring future led by God.

But we still have work to do. It is time to dream about some big, hairy, audacious goals—terms used in visioning processes for churches and organizations. And these dreams and goals need to be our dreams and goals, so we hope you will join us in this dreaming process to come up with some actions for each of the five ministry areas: Sharing Compassion, Sharing Biblical Justice, Sharing Resources, Sharing Discipleship, and Sharing Hope and Belonging. Notice these ministry areas all relate back to our mission statement of sharing God's abundance to transform lives through the love of Jesus.

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We hope you will join us for a focus group. If you are unable to participate during any of the four times listed below but are interested, be sure to let us know. We will schedule more times if there is enough need to do so. Please contact the church office to sign up for a focus group either in person or online.

Focus Group Schedule

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|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Sunday | February 20 | 4:00 p.m. | In Person at Zion |
| Thursday | February 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom |
| Sunday | February 27 | 6:30 p.m. | In Person at Zion |
| Monday | February 28 | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom |

Pastoral Transition and Call Process

Zion experienced a lot of transition in 2021. We were “full to the brim” with staffing transition, and that has created an emotionally difficult time for consistent, faithful ministry. After Madeline Fairfax and her husband Jeff welcomed their baby Calvin into the world, Madeline ended her ministry in April after almost four years as our Faith Formation Coordinator. Fortunately, Pastor Courtney Steitz was in between calls, so we were able to welcome her in an interim capacity in July. Though we were prepared for this possibility, we were sad to say “farewell and Godspeed” to her in January and bless her for a new call in Minnesota.

Perhaps most significant was Pastor Sonja’s resignation at the end of October as one of Zion’s pastors after 13 years of ministry with us. Pastor Sonja continues to worship with us at Zion, but she felt called to accept an offer at Clergy Advantage to serve as Church and Clergy Alliance Funding Specialist. In a nutshell, she helps churches and pastors fund retirement plans. Her many gifts for pastoral ministry, including preaching and pastoral care, administration and leadership, and so much more will be missed by so many, and after such a long and fruitful ministry will be irreplaceable.

During the interim period of replacing these three ministry staff, we are thankful for the work of two longtime Zion members who have stepped

forward in various capacities. CHRISSY WOLFE has a heart for Zion’s children and youth and serves part time as Interim Faith Formation Coordinator. ANGIE ELDER has gifts for pastoral care and has been working on a seminary degree for chaplaincy, so she is sharing her gifts to serve as Interim Connecting Hearts Coordinator, providing care and administration for homebound members, home communion ministers, Stephen Ministry, and more. Pastor Joel and Intern Pastor Andrea will continue to work in both of these areas, but Chrissy and Angie are providing some much-needed relief in these areas of ministry.

With the transition of these three essential ministry staff and the two ministry positions of Faith Formation Coordinator and Pastor, the Council and Long Range Planning have been discussing what God may be wanting us to pay attention to for future staffing patterns. Most of us recognize the benefit of having two pastors. Additionally, Pastor Courtney helped us realize the value of calling a pastor to serve in Zion’s Faith Formation ministries; however, the cost of having three pastors at Zion was going to be a struggle. Because of the unique timing of the staffing transitions of last year, with the approval of the Council, the Long Range Planning Committee has started to formulate a call process to call a pastor who will be responsible for Faith

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Formation ministries. This pastor will serve alongside Pastor Joel in every other capacity that a pastor serves, but gifts for faith formation will be a primary requisite for candidates for this ministry role.

We are at the very earliest stages of a call process to call that second pastor to serve at Zion. The Long Range Planning Committee has been working on paperwork called a Ministry Site Profile, which identifies the character of Zion as a congregation and what kind of pastor would most likely be a good match for us. After that paperwork is complete, the Office of the Bishop will spend some time collecting paperwork for pastors seeking calls to congregations. This could take several months, but once we have several candidates we feel are a good fit, we will begin to interview and discern deeply who God is calling to partner in ministry with us. We will need to have a call committee established for those interviews, and we are hoping that this committee will involve several committed youth. If you are interested in serving on that call committee, please let us know.

The number of transitions we have faced in the last year have been more than enough; yet despite that this will be an incredibly exciting time for Zion. This year will be full to the brim with new ministry opportunities to serve the world and grow as disciples of Jesus.

Sky Ranch Staff Applications

High School Youth and Young Adults—Have a Summer Full to the Brim at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp!

Camp is snowed in, but year-round staff are in the Fort Collins office gearing up for the 2022 summer camp season! A huge part of their summer preparation is recruiting summer staff, many of whom fell in love with the camp as campers. Camp changes lives for campers, but even more so for those who make a commitment to work there for the summer. They are already hiring counselors, offsite guides, coordinators, maintenance staff, kitchen staff, specialist positions, and new this year a ropes facilitator position! They are also hiring a limited number of positions for youth who are finishing high school this spring and are interested in having an experience on camp staff.

To apply, go to www.skyranchcolorado.org to fill out an application. If you have any questions, call Jeff Fairfax or Cole Hemmah at the Sky Ranch office, or talk with Pastor Joel about these life-changing opportunities.



Many of the summer staff fell in love with the camp first as campers.

Zion's Global Mission in Partnership gets Results

A report from Will Reents, Mission Committee Chairman

In March, we used our Mission Committee funds of \$4,500 to pay for a shallow well and drip irrigation system to grow vegetables. This was through Global Health Ministries (GHM). GHM is an independent NGO (nongovernmental organization) that supports Lutheran health projects internationally.

Since the shallow wells don't provide water all year long, we led a fund drive last November to raise money for a deep well to be constructed by GHM. ABC news vividly showed emaciated children and adults subsisting only on cactus. Over 100,000 children are so severely malnourished they should be hospitalized, but such care is not available. Over 1 million Malagasy are in desperate need of food and water. Some call it the first climate-driven drought and famine. A deep

well supplies water for 3,500 people and will cost about \$14,000. Our committee is so pleased that Zion members donated \$21,000. This will also pay for a pump, solar panels, and a drip irrigation system. Construction will begin in early February.

We recently learned about the possibility of joining with King of Glory and Trinity Lutheran churches in helping to sponsor an Afghan refugee family. We invite any of you to join us as a committee member or with any of our separate projects of your interest. Current members include EILEEN HUDDLE, VICKI JOHNSON, JACOB KUHNS, WILL and KATHY REENTS, MEG SCHREIBER, SCOTT SPRAIN, STEVE COURTS (council liaison), and PASTOR JOEL.

Content of Letter of Gratitude from Global Health Ministries Executive Director Pastor Douglas S. Cox

Dear partners in ministry at Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your incredibly generous partnership in bringing water and health to southern Madagascar! Your financial gift in December has come as a dramatic answer to prayer.

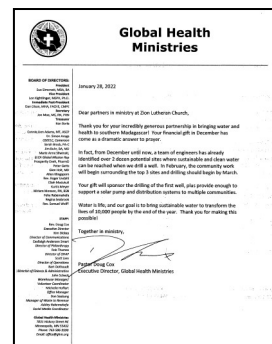
In fact, from December until now, a team of engineers has already identified over two dozen potential sites where sustainable and clean water can be reached when we drill a well. In February, the community work will begin surrounding the top three sites and drilling should begin by March.

Your gift will sponsor the drilling of the first well, plus provide enough to support a solar pump and distribution systems to multiple communities.

Water is life, and our goal is to bring sustainable water to transform the lives of 10,000 people by the end of the year. Thank you for making this possible!

Together in ministry,

Pastor Doug Cox



Annual Thanksgiving Service and Pie Auction Results

On November 21, hosted by Zion, the ELCA Loveland churches gathered for the annual Thanksgiving Community Worship and Pie Auction. Following a beautiful worship service, members from all three congregations gathered in the fellowship hall for raising some funds.

It was a great evening of raising up prices on some beautiful homemade pies. Chris Zwakenberg, director of volunteer and faith relations for the Loveland Habitat for Humanity, made the final bid on the last pie of the evening and gave his pie credit to King of Glory. This edged out Zion from taking the pie fund-raising bragging rights. Zion fell to a close third place finish behind King of Glory and Trinity. Trinity walked away with the 2021 title for most money raised by each congregation.

The auction that evening raised just short of \$1,600 for Habitat for Humanity of Loveland.

As is tradition, the pastor(s) from the congregation with the least amount of raised money gets the honor of taking the pie in the face. Pastor Joel and Intern Pastor Andrea proudly took the target seats. It truly was a night filled with lots of fun and laughter and good friendly competition for a really great cause.

Thank you to everyone who participated in baking and bringing in pies and bidding them up!



... and the pie-in-the-face award goes to Zion's own Pastor Joel and Intern Pastor Andrea.

The Run4Camp event raised money for Sky Ranch



On November 27, members and friends from King of Glory, Trinity, and Zion gathered for an L2F2 fun Run4Camp 5K. Together the group raised \$1,500! The Run4Camp events that took place in a variety of ways raised in total \$4,488.38. That amount was matched as part of the larger Sky Ranch Fall Special Appeal for a total of \$8,976.76.

The Fall Special Appeal raised just over \$200,000. The Run4Camp events combined with individual donors and congregations during this appeal brought the overall total to over \$400,000 for Sky Ranch. A huge thank you to all who ran, walked, or biked on that Saturday and throughout the rest of the month to support Sky Ranch and their outdoor ministry in this fun way.



Members and friends from King of Glory, Trinity, and Zion ran, walked, or biked in the Run4Camp event to raise money for Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp.

Sky Ranch Summer Camp

- Youth Go! (High School)—June 12-17
- Confirmation Intensive
(Middle and High School)—June 19-24
- Staff-in-Training (High School)—
June 26-July 1
- All Ages (Lower and Upper Elementary)
—July 31-August 5
A half week is available for younger ages.

Campership/Scholarship

Zion can help! Cost should never be a factor. Paper applications are available in the church office or filled out online at zionloveland.com.

Paper applications are due by March 4.

Camp Paperwork and Deposit

The Participant Release form and deposit are due by April 8. The forms can be found at skyranchcolorado.org.

Upcoming Youth Events

Chrissy Wolfe

Middle School and High School Youth FUN Nights

Fourth Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.!

Girl Talk/Man Cave

All middle school and high school youth are welcome. Every Tuesday of each month except on FUN nights!

River Heroes Summer Trip

Summertime FUN and Ministry

This trip is for high school youth (incoming 9th graders for the 2022/23 school year and graduating seniors for the 2021/22 school year).

RSVP to Chrissy or ask questions! You may text me at 970-391-0758 as well as email me at faithformation@zionloveland.com.

Thank you to all of you who serve to make the youth and family programs run smoothly!

Christmas Worship Reflections

Pastor Joel Pancoast

The sanctuary may not have been full to the brim with worshipers, but our Christmas joy certainly was full and expansive as we joined together for worship in many ways, whether in person or by Zoom. Leading into Christmas, Noelle directed children to lead a joyful worship with narration and music that encouraged adult worshipers to sing right along with them. Intern Pastor Andrea put together and led the “Little Christmas Eve” service hosted by the Markham family at their farm. Pastor Courtney put together a beautiful service led by children and their families. We had many more people than we ever expected brave the cold to sing carols at the fireplace outside, and some reported it to be their favorite Christmas Eve worship in recent memory. And Joshua Schairer arranged music for a quartet of two bassoons, a contrabassoon, and a flute at the late service as a beautiful way to end the night. Despite struggles to keep people healthy and safe through an ongoing pandemic, the Zion staff put together seven worship services during the week of Christmas that were each meaningful and memorable in their own way. For these many worship opportunities, the work of the staff, and all who participated in worship either onsite or online, my heart was full to the brim, and I am thankful.



The children led a joyful worship with narration and music.

Intern Pastor Andrea held up a Chrismon ornament as she led the “Little Christmas Eve” service at the Markham farm.



Pastor Courtney helped lead the outdoor carols and candlelight service.



Children and their families helped lead worship at the family-friendly service.

Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ has always been a wonderful way of sharing the faith to all generations in worship at Zion. Notice that says all generations. Many of you have experienced that Kids in Christ can be just as effective and inspiring for “kids” in the older generations at worship, all the way up to their 80s or 90s!

We have learned over the last six to nine months that this inspiration is not limited to the average worshiper, but includes those who have helped lead Kids in Christ. From a sixth-grade youth to a 78-year-old adult, and everyone in between, worshipers of all ages have helped lead Kids in Christ and we are thankful to them.

If you are interested to help with this ministry, contact Pastor Joel or Intern Pastor Andrea. No extensive Bible knowledge is required. We will help you. And the Kids in Christ of all ages will appreciate different perspectives and voices in worship.



The kids listened with rapt attention when Kathy Pancoast talked to them about kings.

A special thank you to our KIDS IN CHRIST VOLUNTEERS! I love to hear the answers our children give when participating at the altar as well as enjoy the lessons taught by so many of you who show our children their “church family” of strength that surrounds them at Zion as an extension of God’s love though community outside of the support they get from their parents/guardians.

Chrissy Wolfe

Interim Faith Formation Coordinator

Middle School Urban Plunge

On January 22, middle school youth participated in an “urban plunge” in Denver. They started the day serving breakfast at Open Door Ministry to those experiencing homelessness, then brought dignity to those who enter that place by doing a deep clean of the family room where they eat. The youth also had the opportunity for personal interactions with people in the streets of Denver and enjoyed ethnic food from Ethiopia, Syria, and Japan.



The youth served breakfast to people experiencing homelessness.



Part of the urban plunge experience was eating ethnic food such as this Ethiopian lunch.

Among Members and Friends

At Rest in Our Father's House

Donna Peitsmeyer who died in October 2021 and whose funeral was conducted by Pastor Joel in Denver, Colorado. Donna was a former member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Prayers for Those Who Grieve

*Family and friends of Jan Brown, with her death.
Darryl Schlotthauer, with the death of his father.
Linda, mother-in-law of Lisa Teesdale with her death.
Gwen Boswell, with the death of her aunt.
Chrissy Wolfe, with the death of her grandfather.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving

We rejoice with Elaine and Dave Hart at the birth of their great-granddaughter Ryleigh Jeanne.

We rejoice with Ginger and Jerry Klein at the birth of their great-granddaughter Quinley.

We Keep in Prayer

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

Dear Zion,

Jim and I want to thank you, Lindsey, for all you do for us and for all of Zion. Thank you Zion for all the meals you brought in after my surgery and for the walker you let me use. It all was so great.

Jean and Jim Vosberg

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers for my mom and me while she recovers from her fall. Mom will be 99 in March.

Elaine Nichols

On behalf of Sons of Norway, Stein Fjell Lodge, we would like to thank you for allowing us to use your church for our monthly meetings. We had a wonderful Christmas party and are grateful for your generosity.

Stein Fjell Lodge

[Enclosed was a \$200 donation to Zion Lutheran Church]

Thank you to all who supported me through prayer, phone calls, cards, and visits these months following my car accident and hospitalization with pneumonia. I am doing well. Your support has meant so much.

Dawn Arzoulaitis

Dear Gifts and Endowment Committee,

From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for the endowment to support my advanced degree in Educational Leadership. This is not only a gift to me, but also an investment into the students, parents, and educators that I work with today and will work with in the future. I am blessed to be part of Zion and am grateful to the Lord for your gift. I promise to be a good steward of your gracious donation.

Thank you again and God bless,

Thomas Chen

[The Gifts and Endowment Committee rewarded Thomas a \$2,500 scholarship from the Community and Social Needs fund of the endowment.]

Among Members and Friends

A HUGE thank you to Zion and the prayer chain for your ten months of prayers for Tiffany (Evelyn Haber's great niece) who went through so much battling cancer: five surgeries, chemo, and 25 radiation treatments—all a four-hour drive from her home in Georgia to the Anderson Cancer Institute in Jacksonville, Florida. Praise God that her doctor told her she is cancer free. Tiffany has a strong faith and shared on her Facebook posts how she felt God's spirit and Zion's prayers.

Tiffany and her family

Thank you to my Zion family... for all the prayers sent during my recovery from my stroke in December, all the cards were heartwarming, and all the wonderful meals were so delicious and so appreciated. I am so thankful, grateful, and blessed for all the overwhelming kindness shown throughout this episode in my life. Thank you, thank you, thank you! God is Good!!

Eileen Huddle

Thank you Elaine Nichols for organizing the ladies to provide delicious meals. Thank you Jenna Coleman for following up with me and contacting Elaine for me. I'm grateful for each of the meals that helped me through the healing process and gave me something to look forward to while I was confined at home. Thank you to Kathy Reents, Teresa Majeski, Kathy Pancoast, Ruth Sprain, Eileen Huddle, Cindy Warren, and Ronda Buck. Thank you to the Meals to Heal team for the meals and visits during my recuperation from my hip surgery. Thank you for sharing your time and God's blessings. God Bless All of You!

*Love in Christ,
Cherie Roberton*

*To the Zion Lutheran Church,
Thank you very much for your kindness in providing a Thanksgiving meal for my family. I am a recently divorced mom of four with my fourth being born this Thanksgiving day! Your gift was so helpful to me, and kind deeds like these always warm my heart and give me hope. Glory to God for His goodness and all He provides. Thank you!!*

A Thompson Valley Preschool Parent

*Dear Zion Lutheran Church,
On behalf of our families, staff, and board members at Thompson Valley Preschool, I would like to thank you for the donation of seven Thanksgiving meals. The families were very excited and grateful, and appreciated your thoughtfulness. Thank you for supporting those in need in the community.*

*Sincerely,
Gail Yant, Executive Director,*

Thank You Letters to Zion

- September 7, 2021—From Alternatives to Violence for a gift of \$500.
- October 19, 2021—From House of Neighborly Service for donations totaling \$1,165.
- November 23, 2021—From Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp for a gift of \$550.
- December 15, 2021—From House of Neighborly Service for donations totaling \$2,240.34.
- December 22, 2021—From Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service for a gift of \$3,909.50. [Money raised by the Easter Pastors.]
- January 11, 2022—From Community Kitchen for donations totaling \$987.98.

Congratulations Graduate Taylor Cassell

Congratulations to Zion's TAYLOR CASSELL upon her 2021 graduation from Ferguson High School in Loveland. After the graduates had their diplomas and had turned their tassels, the choir sang a pop hit about overcoming obstacles to reach one's potential. Taylor was among 14 who graduated that day. Kudos, Taylor!

Emilee Christensen graduated with honors from Colorado Mesa University in December.



She received a bachelor of science degree in cellular, molecular, and developmental biology and minors in criminal justice, forensic science, and chemistry.

New Addresses

Sybil Arns

26500 Paseo Infinita
San Juan, CA 92675
970-290-4150

Mary Anne Long

30 Wildwood Drive
Unit 211
Georgetown, TX 78633
512-948-1099 (Home) (Preferred)
737-742-1099 (Cell)

Donation allows Loveland Opera Theatre to educate Dahlen Educational Outreach Program will fund classroom outreach for 10 years

BY WILL COSTELLO, LOVELAND REPORTER-HERALD
October 27, 2021

EXCERPTS OF THE ARTICLE AS IT APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPER

The Loveland Opera Theatre livestreamed two performances of their latest show, "Cinderella," to elementary and middle schools across the Thompson School District on Tuesday thanks to a donation that will fund opera education for the next 10 years.

The donation, courtesy of the Dahlen Educational Outreach Program, established by Charles and Marthann Dahlen, will provide trips to the opera, videos and other materials for teachers and access to dress rehearsals.

"I think to a certain extent, when you mention the word opera people say, 'Oh I'm not interested.' This is a way to show them that it's entertaining, it's fun!" Marthann Dahlen said.

It makes it easier for them to relate to the form of music," Charles Dahlen added.

He said that he's been interested in opera since seeing Luciano Pavarotti, the famous opera singer who died in 2007, perform in Denver. His wife was a later convert.

"Mine was that it was all done in Italian and all you're listening to is women screeching. I thought 'I don't really care for that.'" She changed her tune when a show performed in English made her give the art form another chance.

That accessibility is part of the reason that the Dahlens support Loveland Opera Theatre, and why they hope to get a younger generation interested in what is often considered an old-fashioned medium.

Kudos to Zion's Chuck and Marthann!

Zion Caring Connection Calling Ministry

Florence Doksansky, Care Callers Coordinator

During the pandemic and over the past almost two years, a team of Zion members had been calling other members who had not been able to come to in-person or Zoom church services, or were just in need of another form of connection with Zion. In the fall of 2021, that ministry came to an end. However, we did not want to lose touch with those members with whom we had been connecting via monthly phone calls. So a new, but similar, ministry was begun and is continuing on a more permanent basis.

Again, a small team of members calls others and offers a listening ear and a point of contact. We are here to be a compassionate presence, but if a person expresses a significant need such as an upcoming surgery, a death in the family, or a financial need, those needs are passed on to Pastor Joel.

Those of us who do the calling have greatly benefited from this opportunity to connect with other members whom we may not have known but through this ministry have become close.

If any Zion members know others who would benefit by being called or in turn might like to join in this ministry, please contact FLORENCE DOKSANSKY, Care Callers Coordinator, by giving your contact information to Lindsey at the church office (970-667-1836).

Thank you and God Bless!



Bells in hand, these Jolly Jingle Red Kettle ringers are Zion's own Janie Lichtfuss, Janice Ehlers, and Pam Stevens on December 22 at the Orchard's King Soopers grocery store—Zion's day to ring for charity.

Save the Date—June 18, 2022
Sierra's Race Against Meningitis



L.I.F.T.

Phyllis Zimmerman

Happy New Year 2022!

It's been a long time since we've seen these letters: L.I.F.T. in our Zion news, but I'm sure you ladies remember what they stand for: Ladies in Fellowship Together. We would enjoy meeting for fellowship and lunch at a favorite restaurant that had a separate room where we could visit and sing fun songs together. One of our favorite songs was "*The More We Get Together, the Happier We'll Be.*"

My thoughts and prayers have been with all of you every day as life has made some changes for all of us that we never expected these past two years. I pray you and your families have stayed well and happy.

Many of our L.I.F.T. ladies have expressed lately that they wish we could get together again soon. Unfortunately, some of our favorite restaurants are no longer in business which limits the variety of places to go. In addition, I want to wait until springtime arrives in the Rockies when the weather will be favorable for us to get out safely without the hazards of snow and ice.

So, we'll plan our Together Birthday Party Lunch for April or May before all kinds of other activities start up again. I will call the ladies who are on our original calling list. Any ladies wanting more information about L.I.F.T. can call or text me at 970-218-1879.

Let's be thankful for our many blessings.

Our Prayer for Protection

***The light of God surrounds us;
The love of God enfolds us;
The power of God protects us;
The presence of God watches over us.
Wherever we are, God is!***

New Member Discovery

Sunday, February 13

9:45 a.m. between worship services

Some have been worshiping as visitors and seekers at Zion for quite a while and waiting to hear about joining Zion as members, and others may have recently visited for the first time.

At Zion, joining as a member doesn't earn you any advantages, but marks a deep interest and commitment from regular worshipers to participate and support Zion's mission and ministry.

If you are interested in learning more about Zion's identity, mission, and ministry, join us between the services on February 13. A follow-up event will be scheduled in late February or early March to complete this process of discovery and help you make connections into the Zion community and ministry and discover how God has gifted and called you to share in Zion's mission.

Call the church office or let the pastoral staff know if you are interested in joining us for the conversation.

Military Veteran Retreat for Couples

Last October, Vicky Daub, director of Veteran Servant Corps Project (VSCP), preached at Zion and presented the mission and work of VSCP to partner with ELCA faith communities to recognize and support veterans. One of the ways VSCP provides support is through FREE retreats for military/veteran couples. If you are interested in participating and being filled to the brim in your relationships with each other, the next retreat is April 22-24 at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp.



For more information or to pick up a registration form and brochure, contact the church office.



The Northern Colorado Youth Orchestra

Miranda Deblauwe

for Daniel Smith, Founder and Artistic Director

The Northern Colorado Youth Orchestra is certainly feeling “full to the brim” these days! We had a wonderful winter concert in early January at Mountain View High School where we were fortunate enough to have over 350 friends and family safely attend. Since then, we’ve hit the ground running beginning our second semester. We are currently preparing for our trip to Atlanta, Georgia, in March where our Chamber Orchestra will perform at the American String Teachers Association’s National Orchestra Festival. It’s going to be a busy and abundant month! The students are having a great time playing music from Mozart Concertos to Balmages Fanfares.



Students create music in person in a safe environment.

We are so grateful to Zion Lutheran for being our home base and for so warmly welcoming us to your community.

Be sure to join us on April 27 for our spring concert. You can learn more at www.nocooyo.org.



NoCoYO offers opportunities for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students.

*Zion would like to say
THANK YOU to its
outgoing council and
committee members.*

Council President

Cindy Warren

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Youth Council Member

Beilynn Geiss

Long Range Planning

Greg Schairer

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Lynsey Weimer

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Bob Majeski

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Judy Gustafson

Ty Hirschert

Personnel

Deborah Price

Synod Assembly

George and Pam Stevens

More than \$61,000 received in RMS Fire Response Fund

On December 30, 2021, the most destructive fire in Colorado history swept through Boulder County, destroying more than 1,000 homes. As close as that fire is, many people in the Zion community have direct contacts affected in some way. The pastor at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Louisville and her family lost their home. The collective loss will take years to recover. But the love of Christ is made known through the generosity of many.

Through the first three weeks of January, members and friends of Zion have given nearly \$3,000 to the RMS Fire Response Fund through the Rocky Mountain Synod (ELCA), Lutheran Disaster Response, and Lutheran Family Services! Collectively, this network of partners has received more than \$61,000. Because this network is already the work of the church, every dollar given for this cause is used directly for those impacted by the fires. In the face of such tragedy, God's abundance is made known. Thank you for your generosity, concerns, and prayers for those who have lived through this tragedy.

How to help

RMS invites you to volunteer your expertise in these areas:

- Insurance expertise
- People to accompany people in insurance processes
- Contractors and construction-related folks
- Document replacement support (government docs, etc).

Donations of blankets, quilts, and other tangible items are not needed at this time.

A link to the form to be completed by volunteers is available at the RMS website: Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA kmuellet@rmselca.org via rmselca.ccsend.com

Monroe Multicultural Family Fun Night and Pozole Meal

Friday, April 22, at 6:00 p.m.

At Zion

Tickets \$5 per person

Join us for a delicious pozole and tamale dinner as we celebrate cultural diversity with Monroe Elementary School. All proceeds go to future cultural events with the Monroe Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). More details to come.

Thompson Valley Preschool

Gail Yant, Executive Director

Can it already be time to think about the 2022-23 school year?

Thompson Valley Preschool (TVP) offers affordable access to a high quality, early childhood educational program, promoting school readiness for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

Open enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year begins February 1.

For more information and a tour of the preschool, contact us at 970-667-6552 or www.thompsonvalleypreschool.org.

The preschool is located right next door to Zion Lutheran Church.

Book discussions are better in a barn

The Zion evening book group in November gathered in the barn next to the home of Wes and Jaci. The setting was warm (70 degrees), airy (open hay loft above the gathering space), and allowed space for safe distancing in consideration of coronavirus guidelines. Everyone agreed it was so much better to gather in person than over Zoom.

The group enjoyed the comfortable space, discussion, and suggested they use the barn for their next gathering, assuming the weather in January would be agreeable. Thanks to Wes and Jaci for making the books-in-a-barn evening available.



Those of the Zion evening book group agree that barn ambience is highly suitable for their gatherings.

L2F2 Blood Drive

King of Glory, Trinity, and Zion Lutheran churches are participating in a blood drive together on Sunday, April 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the King of Glory parking lot. This is an experiment in our partnership, and if it goes well, we will continue to schedule more opportunities throughout the year at Zion and Trinity. We would love to have all our slots filled among our three churches!

Blood is always needed, and right now during the pandemic, even more so. Blood has a shelf life of six weeks, so we will be providing life-giving blood to people who need it this spring! Watch for a link in March to sign up for a specific time. Thank you in advance for giving blood!

Mobile Laundry Needs Your Help

Several years ago, Zion had the honor to help start the mobile laundry truck. The mobile laundry truck restores dignity and boosts self-esteem to those without housing and to low-income people who can't afford their own washing machines or the time to use a laundromat.

On Thursdays and Fridays, the mobile laundry truck is set up at the Loveland Public Library where they serve mostly homeless individuals on a first-come, first-serve basis to wash and dry about 40 loads each day. A small but mighty crew of machine operators and folders have volunteered from the beginning, but are beginning to grow weary and could use your help.

If you are willing and able and have the time, go to the Homeward Alliance website at <https://homewardalliance.galaxydigital.com/need/>, create an account, and sign up for mobile laundry shifts. If you are interested but need help signing up, contact the church office. Shifts are about three hours long, Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons. Volunteers work outside so it can be cold, but it will warm your heart to serve our families, friends, and neighbors in need.



On Thursdays and Fridays, the Mobile Laundry truck is set up at the Loveland Public Library serving people in need in our community. They are in need of volunteers to sustain their operation.

They are also in need of an emergency group of volunteers who can be called or contacted at the last moment to fill in when people get sick or have to cancel for some other reasons. If you don't want to sign up, check the Zion connections sheet, and we'll call you if we have an emergency need.

King Soppers and Thrivent Choice

Zion receives contributions from King Soppers and Thrivent that support mission opportunities beyond our operating budget. Every year, the council designates the direction of these funds, and we encourage you to help make a difference through purchases, products, and services in which you already participate.

We currently have around 50 families who have linked their King Soppers loyalty card to Zion, which means Zion receives a portion every time they shop for groceries or gas. If you are a King Soppers customer and have not linked your card to an organization, consider doing so by going online to <https://www.kingsoppers.com/i/community/community-rewards> or by visiting customer service at your grocery store. Once you link your card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at King Soppers and swipe your shopper's card. We usually have designated these funds for hunger programs. For 2021, all King Soppers dollars received by Zion will be sent equally to ELCA World Hunger and KidsPak.



thrivent® If you have Thrivent Financial products, you may be eligible to direct Thrivent Choice dollars to many different organizations. Each year, Zion receives anywhere between \$2,000 and \$4,500. Last year, Thrivent Choice dollars helped Zion improve some of the technology needed to broadcast worship, meetings, and Bible studies more effectively by Zoom. For 2022, Thrivent Choice dollars will help us provide more quality ministry to youth and children at low or no cost. You can designate your Thrivent Choice dollars by going online to <http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice> or by contacting your Thrivent financial representative.

Thank you for considering these two options to support ministries of benevolence and faith formation beyond our regular budget and overall to provide ministry opportunities that are full to the brim!

Detailed Instructions to Enroll in the King Soppers Rewards Program

Register your card or telephone number online, one time.

1. Visit the King Soppers website www.kingsoppers.com or just Google King Soppers. Each person in your family with a card must register each card.
2. On the Home Page, find the “Savings & Rewards” drop menu.
3. Click on “King Soppers Community Rewards.”
4. Click on the blue “Enroll Now.”
5. Click on the “create an account.”
(If you already have a digital account with King Soppers, skip to step 7.)
6. You will need an email address, password, your name, and your Soppers Card number (on the back) or your telephone number (Alt. ID).
7. Then select your organization: Zion Lutheran or use code RJ303.
(**BEWARE:** There are several “Zion Lutherans.” Find Zion in Loveland.)

From the office of the manager

Lindsey Walter

Sunday Morning Volunteers Needed

For worship, we have had ushers, readers, greeters, and altar guild. We now have an opportunity for tech savvy people to help with our Zoom monitoring. JESSICA KUHNS recently conducted acolyte training for upper elementary school age children. If your children are interested in serving as an acolyte, reach out to the office, and we can find a time that works to train them.

We are excited to be able to have coffee and fellowship again following worship but held outside due to our building mask policy. This means we are in need of people willing to open the building and make the coffee each Sunday. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, speak to SCOTT SPRAIN, LARRY HUDDLE ,or LINDSEY WALTER.

No experience is necessary! If you are considering any of these Sunday morning volunteer tasks but want to know more, contact the church office and we can give you an idea of what each volunteer opportunity requires.

Thank you for sharing your gifts with Zion.

Name Tags

If you are joining us for in-person worship and have a blue Zion name tag, please start to wear it again. Many of you have left them in your church mailboxes. Some of you may have taken them home. If you cannot find your name tag, please contact the church office to order another one. If you would like to wear a disposable name tag, they can be found in the pew, next to the offering envelopes.

Flowers on the Altar

Every Sunday provides an opportunity to celebrate a loved one or special occasion by purchasing flowers for the altar. You can sign up on the flower chart located in the narthex next to the mailboxes. Flower arrangements are ordered on Tuesdays for the upcoming Sunday and usually cost around \$30, which is billed to the sponsor directly. We accept flowers for the altar throughout the year, except during Lent. We will also print a special note in the bulletin. We hope to see this chart fill up quickly and our altar remain green with God's beautiful creations.

Flowers for Easter

Are you interested in helping to decorate the sanctuary for Easter? If yes, please sign up on the Connections sheet to purchase flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. This year, we are offering, Easter lilies at \$15 each. We only have a limited number ordered, so reserve your flowers today.

Please make your checks out to Zion Lutheran Church and write "Flowers" on the check or go to our website www.zionloveland.com under the give tab.

From the office of the manager

Lindsey Walter

Instant Church Directory Member App

Visit your play store app on your phone for a free download of the Instant Church Directory Member App for your phone.

Members must first download the Instant Church Directory Member App. Once downloaded, enter the email address that is listed for you in your church's directory. This will generate an email that is sent to you with your password.

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

To download the app to your Apple device:

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

To download the app to your Android device:

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

To download the app to your Kindle Fire:

http://www.amazon.com/Communication-Resources-IncInstantDirectory/dp/B00D76604E/ref=sr_1_1s=mobileapps&ie=UTF8&qid=1371671565

Online/Automatic Giving and Payments for Events

We strongly support online/automatic giving and offering envelopes for contributions to the church. Online/automatic giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, an electronic way to participate in tithing.

Please visit our website at www.zionloveland.com to register for online giving or to donate with your current login.

Go to <https://osvhub.com/zionloveland>

If you have any questions please call the church office at 970-667-1836 or email office@zionloveland.com.

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Change of Service Requested

Join Us in Worship

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
In Person or Zoom

10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship
In Person or Zoom

Our Mission:

Together we share God's
abundance to transform lives
through the love of Jesus.

Our Vision:

Living in God's boundless
love, in Christ we envision a
future where church and
community are one.

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

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

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| February 1 | Thompson Valley Preschool 2022-23 Enrollment Begins |
| February 13 | New Member Discovery |
| February 27 | Children's Choir at Zion |
| March 2 | Ash Wednesday |
| March 4 | Sky Ranch Camp Scholarship Application Deadline |
| April 3 | L2F2 Blood Drive |
| April 8 | Sky Ranch Camp Paperwork and Depost Deadline |
| April 10 | Combined Children's Choir and Sunday School |
| April 14 | Maundy Thursday |
| April 15 | Good Friday |
| April 16 | Easter Vigil |
| April 17 | Easter |
| April 22 | Monroe Multicultural Family Fun Night and Pozole Meal |
| April 22-24 | Military Veteran Retreat for Couples |
| April 27 | The Northern Colorado Youth Orchestra Spring Concert |
| May 1 | Children's Music Ministry Musical |