

# CONNECTIONS

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## Our Worship

Zion's worship service is at 10 a.m. each Sunday. We worship in the sanctuary and via Zoom.

Sunday Bible Study is on hiatus until after the first of the year.

Our Advent worship services begin Nov. 27, and we will have a worship service on Christmas Day, which falls on a Sunday this year. We also will have a Blue Christmas service on Dec. 13.

Bulletins and online worship links are on our website at: [zion-sluth.org](http://zion-sluth.org). Click the "Worship Bulletin" button on the home page to find it.

Online links to Zoom are found on both the "Event" & "Sermon & Bulletins" tabs from the home page.

## All Saints Sunday

Nov. 6 is All Saints Sunday, when we remember the saints in our lives who have died during the past year.

If you would like to have a loved one remembered in worship that morning, please send their name(s) to Jo by Nov. 1.

We will display pictures of Saints in our lives, living or deceased on Nov. 6 in worship at the altar.

If you would like to have a saint honored on Sunday Nov. 6, please bring a picture to worship that Sunday and we will place it in the altar area before worship.



## Crossing Milestones with Joy

*An update from Pastor Andrea*

Dear followers of Jesus (I've missed writing that!),

I've crossed another milestone and I am overjoyed. It's been six months since we celebrated my "End of Call" at Zion's with Bishop Gonia and honestly, I am so surprised that I'm still alive! I love being able to say, "I'm not dead yet!" I know that sounds odd to most people but honestly, I didn't think I'd be enjoying the beauty of another fall and I find that, as a result, I am so mindful of the gift of each day.

My early retirement was at first difficult but as these months have passed, God has shown me how this time is a wonderful gift and opportunity to bask in the love of our Lord and share the many miracles of this time with friends and strangers alike, albeit through a different ministry than I planned on.

Walking the Camino with Paul back in early June really set the tone for how I feel called to live life adventurously and fully! As I walked, I 'did nothing.' Meaning this task-oriented gal had to shift to simply walking daily -- God whispered to me that that was enough! Often I didn't get my daily Bible reading or devotionals read but the Holy Spirit reminded me that I was fully loved and embraced without 'doing' anything! We know that, don't we, but sometimes what the head knows and the heart knows are at odds. Even for us pastors!

So as my cancer Camino has continued, I have kept the lessons of that Camino with me. One day at a time, we are human beings, not human 'doers' so if simply 'being' is all I can do some days, that is ok. My cancer has grown despite chemo, so I find myself pivoting and changing course again.

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## Six Months...

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*Paul and Pastor Andrea*

I anticipated this so Paul and I rented an apartment in Littleton a month ago and wouldn't you know it, God orchestrated amazing timing! We moved in the weekend before the clinical trial began but I didn't know I'd be in a trial until Oct 13! And we moved on the 15!

I see God's hand in these details as well as in so many others. Yes, they are clearly visible as I look back and so many times on this roller coaster of life, we get a little anxious but we need not fear, God's got us. So all I really have to do is continue moving forward, one faithful step at a time.

So, despite my cancer and treatments, I am able to proclaim "God is good, all the time. All the time God is good." I truly feel so blessed!

Recently I had this epiphany while looking at photos taken at Zion's during 2017. I would never have slowed down or quit ministry or medicine without my cancer diagnosis. Now I do not believe God gave me my cancer, but God is walking with me as we navigate life with cancer and I feel the time experiencing life in new and different ways is a gift!

Time with Paul has been precious and these have been some of the best marriage years yet (go figure)! I am deepening relationships with my families -- the Doedens and the Tennerys -- and I am aware that without this

time and intentionality, this too would not be happening.

I still mourn the end of our ministry together but I am blessed beyond measure and am embracing a 'new call' to live life to the fullest and share all that God is still doing in my life. I am also grateful that I have been able to witness God's faithfulness with you in the calling of Pastor Kate (with her wonderful gifts) and in embracing Vicar Lisa as she begins the TEEM process. And I see how the Synod and Bishop Gonja are investing in our congregation and town! I am excited for y'all, despite naming the fact this was not in OUR plans.

"For such a time as this" reminds me that despite what we often see as difficult times or stumbling blocks can be used by God to bring new life and direction. That has certainly been my experience these last six months! What will you be doing in six months? You don't know. What will I be doing in six months? Who knows but God knows! And I do believe that it will be good, no matter what, if we continue to walk in faith.

I miss you dear friends and send my deep love and appreciation for each and every one of you. Continue the ministry that God has called us to -- doing God's work with our hands, wherever we are!

Blessings and may God's peace overwhelm you as you experience God's love each and every day, no matter what our circumstances!

In Christ —  
Pastor Andrea

### Zion's November Clothing Drive Can Help People Stay Warm This Winter

Everyone needs to stay warm this winter, but some people need a little extra help to stay warm, so during the month of November, Zion's will be collecting blankets, socks, and gloves or mittens.

We will donate these items to members of our community who are in need, including the people served by Pastor Clay and the Way Ministry.

Our collection runs Nov. 1-20. If you can donate, bring your items to the Fellowship Hall. And, if you know someone in need, call or email the church and leave a message with person's name, address, and need(s).



## Loss & Grieving: How to Engage in a Healing Process

### A Support Group and Exploration of the Power of Hope

Have you ever noticed? The beauty of the changing seasons can somehow trigger in us a feeling of loss, even grief. With fall and winter come the shorter daylight hours and longer nights. The holidays quickly approach, and we become aware of the little subtleties (or big holes in our heart) that are missing when we experience a loss. There is not one of us who is immune from the sadness that comes from losing someone dear or something dear to us: a friend, a pet, a home, a job, a relationship severed by death or divorce.

Grief has the power to shape our humanness. To be human is to know and experience grief. The color of our skin, our sexual orientation, our political affiliation, or even how we present ourselves to others do not shield us from the suffering that comes when unresolved grief manifests. Each person's grief experience is unique. No one can truly know exactly what you are going through. The fact is that no one can make your grief go away. It belongs to you alone. But this doesn't mean you have to go through it alone. Support from others dealing with loss can help you walk through some of the common themes and coping strategies that have helped others along our way. Hope exists.

Because Grief has its own timeline, we will explore how we can move forward. To move forward with peace and hope is truly different from "moving on".

All are welcome to this 6-week course that will support you as you traverse a pathway through your personal loss and grief. The primary resources used in this course are *Good Grief* (Granger E. Westberg) *Understanding Your Grief* (Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D.) and, *Finding Meaning* (David Kessler). The course is free of charge and participants are not expected to purchase these materials. However, donations to cover handouts are welcome.

**When: Wednesday Mornings: 10:30 a.m.-Noon**

**Dates: Nov. 2, 9, 16, and 30 and Dec. 7 and 14.**

**Location: Zion's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall — 510 Pine Street — Zoom Option is Available**

**Reservation: Call (719) 846-7785 to sign up and for more information.**

**(Please leave your name and phone number if no one answers and we will return your call. This voice-mail is confidential.)**

**Co-Facilitators: the Rev. Kate Schlechter, MFT, Ph.D. candidate and Pamela Nelson-Serafini**

Note: This is a safe space. No religious affiliation is required. The group will be closed once the course begins. We look forward to walking the healing journey together.

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## Zion's Offers Blue Christmas Worship for the Community

This year, Zion's Lutheran Church will offer a Blue Christmas service for the entire Trinidad community at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the Zion's sanctuary.

A Blue Christmas church service offers a quiet and contemplative worship experience that honors those who are walking through grief and struggling with loss. Blue Christmas worship services in the United States date to 1990. In recent years, the term Blue Christmas has taken on additional meaning for some in the country. In May 2016, Kevin Dunn, a South Carolina resident, initiated a movement that brought recognition and honor to law enforcement officers who protect their communities during the holiday seasons. It picked up the same name as "BlueChristmas".

The service draws a relatively small and intimate group of people who continue to mourn the loss of a loved one, a dear pet, or even an important relationship. Usually held on Dec. 21, the longest night of the year, the service is created to represent the cultural context in which it is held. That means, this particular service will represent western Christianity, but participants need not have any particular religious affiliation to participate. The service is designed to create a sacred and holy setting for comfort.

This year's service at Zion's includes, but is not limited to the law enforcement connection. The congregation wishes to invite all who desire to honor their losses and wish to do so in a safe and sacred space. As with all worship services held at Zion's Lutheran (ELCA) you do not have to be a member to participate nor is there any cost for the service provided.

## What's Happening in Zion's Lutheran Family?



★ We celebrate with Lisa Rygiel and her family as she is installed as Zion's new vicar (photo at left). Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop Jim Gonias joined us on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30, for the installation ceremony and to share a sermon and ELCA study. Special thanks to John Rygiel, Julie Wersal, and Pastor Kate for participating in the installation and to Lisa's parents for joining us for the service.

★ Julie Wersal is preparing the 2023 Church Directory. If you have updated information or need a picture or other updates, please let her know.

★ Again this year, Zion's will partner with First National Bank, Trinidad, to provide Christmas gifts for area seniors through the bank's Senior Giving Tree program. We need to let the bank know by Nov. 14, how many people we can help. If you can sponsor a senior, please let Jo Moss know by Nov. 13.

★ If you plan to use the Fellowship Hall for any event, please coordinate with Julie Wersal to ensure that we do not have schedule conflicts and so she can update the master calendar in the Fellowship Hall.

★ Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6, remember to set clocks back one-hour. Also, remember that election day is Nov. 8.

★ We celebrate with Pastor Andrea and Paul the hopeful news that Andrea's blood tests came back with lower liver function levels so she is able to be part of a trial that could help with her cancer, and as such will spend the next few months living in Littleton, where they have an apartment. Thank you all for your faithful prayers — and for continued prayers for Andrea and Paul. You can write to them at: 2896 W. Long Circle, Apt. C., Littleton CO 80120.

★ The Art & Wine event on Oct. 15, was a big success with 18 people in attendance, each of whom created two individual works of art and two collages created by the group. Special thanks to Paula Little for coordinating the event. In addition to the fun and fellowship, Paula collected a freewill offering to support Diane Hagen's mission work in Panama. As a result, we were able to send Diane \$500.

★ Diane Hagen sends her thanks to Zion's and the Art & Wine event for the generous donation to her Panama mission.

★ Special thanks to Pastor Kate for the Blessing of Animals service and to Becky McNeil for the homemade doughnuts. It was a wonderful celebration of the lives, both past and present, of our beloved pets.

★ Just a Reminder: Zion's "Zoom" links have changed. We had to make some logistical changes to our Zoom accounts; and effective Oct. 1 our Zoom links for online worship, Bible studies, committees, and special events have changed. So, please watch worship and meeting announcements to access the new links and adjust any bookmarks that you may have for existing Zion's Zoom events. If you have concerns, please let Sharon Sorenson or Jo Moss know.

★ For pastoral care, contact Pastor Kate: (619) 916-9630 or email [kateschlechter2005@gmail.com](mailto:kateschlechter2005@gmail.com). Pastor's office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, please contact her to schedule an appointment.

★ Deadline for December newsletter is Nov. 18, send contributions to [zionsluth@gmail.com](mailto:zionsluth@gmail.com) or to Jo Moss.



*Pastor Kate Blesses Ena Sroat's cats' photos since they stayed home.*

Pastor's Pondering**For the Bewildering Mystery of Life, I am Grateful**

More than 30 years ago, I experienced the changing of the fall foliage for the first time. This Southern California woman moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, to attend seminary at Luther.

I was reminded of those days in community where I learned new languages (Greek and Hebrew), played ping-pong in the dormitory basement and worshiped daily in chapel. The time was not always ideal but it shaped me for gratitude.

I was reminded of this time in my life recently when friends Sharon and Phil visited me in Trinidad for a few days of reunion. Friendships, old and new, are so important, aren't they? Especially those ones where we pick up just where we left off. Our bodies may be a bit older, our minds a bit slower, but the feeling of youthful recall seems to have the power to focus us once again to the mystery of God in our lives. During this recent reunion I was introduced to the daily devotions of Steve

Garnaas-Holmes of Unfolding Light. I pass his wisdom on to you as we come together in gratitude to God for all that we are, have, and will be:

For the bewildering mystery of  
being alive I am grateful!

For this amazing communion of saints that is my body,  
how it all works -- thank you!

(Even when it is awkward, or ill: gratitude!)

For this stupendous planet, cornucopia of life,  
teeming with beauty and strangeness,  
wrapping me in its flow of giving and receiving: thanks!

For the people who have helped shape me,  
given me gifts, walked the road with me --  
even unknowing, even by accident -- gratitude!

For what I can do, and the faith to do it, thank you!

For light (so splendid!) and sound (how wonderful!)  
for how gravity works no matter what (wow!),  
or the sense of touch (and humor): thank you!

For music in the world and in my heart, gratitude!

For all my struggles (for if I am wrestling, I do so  
with angels) -- I am grateful.

For the lives of people I miss, dear ones even now  
on the threshold of death, gratitude.

For the little green frogs in my yard, and  
the great blue heron who wants to eat them: thank you!

For your absolutely consistent grace, your delight in it all,  
your love beyond imagining, I thank you!

I ask only for the gift of undying gratitude,  
in all things -- welcome or not, pleasant or hard --  
in all things, in every moment: gratitude.

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in all things, in every moment: gratitude.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

With you on the journey in gratitude,  
Pastor Kate and Koi

## Spotlight On:

### Thanksgiving Dinner Returns with In-Person Dining Option

After a two-year break from serving our community Thanksgiving Dinner in Zion's Fellowship Hall the community again can dine in person, though options for pick up and delivery remain available as well. This holiday tradition is one of the high points of Zion's Lutheran Church's ministry to the community.

From its early days almost 30 yrs ago, Zion's Thanksgiving Day Dinner has helped ensure that everyone in the community has the opportunity to enjoy a traditional holiday dinner.

The dinner has continued to grow through the years from its humble beginnings when three church families invited college students unable to go home for the holidays to dinner at the church. Only a few students attended, but through the years the ministry grew to include senior citizens, shut-ins, the homeless, and the community at large.

As a result, Zion's has served upwards of 900 meals in a single year to residents, guests, and volunteers who wish to join in. Volunteers come not only from the congregation, but also from throughout the community including the Rotary Club and 4-H. Many businesses volunteer their time as well as money and in-kind donations. Already, Safeway has begun accepting donations for Thanksgiving meals with all contributions earmarked for Zion's Thanksgiving Dinner. Last year, the grocer donated more than \$5,000 for the dinner.

Norine Hazen, coordinator of both the Thanksgiving Dinner and 5 Loaves monthly food ministry, builds the initial list of Thanksgiving guests and meal recipients using the 5 Loaves ministry food list; input from Meals on Wheels and the Senior Center as well as names provided by area programs such as hospice, businesses, and organizations. Additionally, people can call or email the church to request meals. However, all are welcome and while Zion's needs the names of people needing food delivered, they do not need to call ahead to attend in person or to pick up meals.



*Safeway's Thanksgiving Collections are Underway.*



*Thanksgiving 2020 offered only food delivery or pick up due to Covid-19 restrictions. In-person dining resumes in 2022.*

With our return to in-person dining, as well as meal delivery and pick-up services, Norine expects the number of meals served, which dropped in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19, to increase again. And, with that in mind, she is seeking plenty of volunteers, donations, cooks, and Thanksgiving Day helpers. **If you can donate food, please sign up on the sheets in the Fellowship Hall.**

To donate funds, food, or time, please contact the church (send an email or call the church), Norine Hazen or Peggy Gustafson. Our greatest needs are for delivery drivers (volunteer by contacting Jo Moss), cooks, preparation team members, and clean up. If you would like to make an in-kind donation of food, please contact Norine to determine where the need is greatest. Remember that, while a lot of the work occurs on Thanksgiving Day, much of the work is completed in advance, starting now. "So you can participate even if you won't be here on Thanksgiving Day," Norine said.

"And, most of all," she said, "we would like you to join us on Thanksgiving Day to share a meal and the many blessings that each of us has experienced individually this year, as well as those that we as a congregation have received."

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# Where has Zion's Been...Where are We Going

By Lynn Chase

The Transition Team is continuing its work every week, with Pastor Kate's guidance, as she asks a lot of questions and probes into the key questions, which are, "Where has Zion's been in its history?" "Where are we now?" And, "Where are we going or where do we want to go as we grow as a faith community?"

Some of those questions were answered when we did our Timeline Event on Sept. 25. Please take the time to look and participate by adding to both the Timeline and the Tree of Faith.

Note the timeframe in which folks joined Zion's in relation to what was happening locally, nationally, and internationally. As you look at the Tree of Faith and read each apple, note the person's story. What an incredibly wide scope of spiritual journeys are represented in this congregation. We are a group of diverse, yet connected, individuals who are brought together at Zion's through faith and love of God to worship

With the end of Pastor Andrea's call as Zion's pastor, now is the time in Zion's history to focus upon strengthening the congregation for new pastoral leadership. The work of the Transition Team is to hold up a mirror and see what the congregation is reflecting at this given time in its history.

There is no agenda for the Transition Team. Simply, it is a self study that is very important for the life of any congregation. But at this critical time in Zion's history, it is time to ask hard questions; and with those questions, the joys and the strengths of the congregation are brought out so that we can move into a bright new future that God is creating in our midst.

Many people in the congregation still are uncertain and are asking about the Transition Team. What is its purpose and why do we need it? It is fantastic that questions are being asked! That means curiosity!! The Transition Team wants to know:

What are you feeling?  
Where do you want your church to be in five years?  
What is your vision?

These are all questions that the transition team is asking of each other as well.

As Kathy Broman said in her Newsletter article last month, "This will be a joint task between those of us on the team and the rest of you as the congregation." Congregational Self Study leads us to ask hard questions that do not always have easy answers. Discerning God's will for Zion's is the responsibility of all in the community. The beauty is that the Holy Spirit is leading us and as we keep exploring, new horizons will appear.

Please continue to share with members of the Transition Team and Pastor Kate what your thoughts are. Together, God promises us that God is here and grow into our vision for Zion's.



## ELCA Update

### Luther's New Testament Translation Reshaped Europe

(Editor's Note: The following information is an excerpt from the upcoming issue of Living Lutheran and celebrates some the groundbreaking Bible translation work of Martin Luther.)

Five hundred years ago in September, at the Leipzig Fair in the German State of Saxony, the printer Melchior Lotter Jr., offered for sale his first edition of the New Testament as translated from the ancient Greek into the German vernacular by Martin Luther. The edition of 3,000 copies sold out rapidly.

Along with Luther's Old Testament, completed in 1534, and the other vernacular translations they inspired, the work reshaped society across Europe, breaking the Roman Catholic Church's grip on civil life. So, within three years, Luther's translation fueled the greatest mass uprising Europe had seen.

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## Luther...

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Luther later called his New Testament work the most difficult he had ever undertaken. Beginning in December 1521, he spent two and a half months grinding out a first draft. His process was meticulous: for every verse he might do a quick literal translation, then drill down into each Greek word for German synonyms, then start over with a more melodious version incorporating idioms that Germans could understand.

By the time his translation was complete, Luther was notorious across Europe for his attacks on the papacy. He had been denounced as a heretic, excommunicated by Pope Leo X and condemned by Charles V, leader of the Holy Roman Empire. Yet, Luther's "September Testament," in addition to being hailed as a great work of German literature, was also one of the most consequential publications in world history. It defined the Lutheran faith as one devoted to the authority of Scripture.

Luther continued to fine-tune his New Testament translation until the day he died, in 1546. By then he had led a team of scholars in a year-long project to translate the Old Testament into German from the original Hebrew, and the complete Luther Bible had sold a half million copies. Luther considered it a gift to God and never took any money for it, though over the years its publication enriched a consortium of German businessmen. The latest edition appeared in 2016.

## The Light of the Word: A Look at the Advent Season



By Vicar Lisa Rygiel

Advent is the period preceding the Christmas season. It begins on the Sunday nearest Nov. 30, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle, and covers four Sundays. Because the day changes from year to year, so does the length of each Advent season.

The earliest dating of Advent is impossible to determine but it is known to have existed since the fourth century. The date of Christmas was fixed to the December Solstice, the darkest day of the year in the northern hemisphere.

The coming of the Light of the World made a lot of sense in so much darkness! Within a few centuries of church history, Christmas took on special meaning in commemorating the life of Jesus. By the fifth and sixth centuries, more firm dating of the Advent season can be found in historical records—as well as Advent sermon series.

The word advent, from Latin, means “the coming.” Originally, it was a time when converts to Christianity readied themselves for baptism and is still used as a time of spiritual reflection. Advent focuses on this “coming” in three ways: the infant Jesus coming in the past, Christ coming in the present in word and the sacraments, and in the second coming of the Lord Jesus in the end time.

Advent and Christmas are not merely about the coming of Jesus, but about everything since the birth of Jesus. Even as the Christmas season has become more secular, Advent still brings joy in the observance of ancient customs such as the advent wreath.













Advent wreaths have their origins in the folk traditions of northern Europe, where in the deep of winter people lit candles on wheel-shaped bundles of evergreen. Both the evergreen and the circular shape symbolized on-going life. The candlelight gave comfort at this darkest time of the year, as people looked forward to the longer days of spring. Later, Eastern European Christians adopted this practice. By the sixteenth century, they were making Advent wreaths much as we see them today. The wreath typically has four or five candles. In some church traditions, each candle represents an aspect of spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as part of the Advent services. Families or other small groups of people give devotional readings while lighting the candles. Many families repeat the tradition at home as a way of deepening and making spiritual preparations more intimate and personal. (Note: The four Sundays in Advent are Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, and 18.)



# November 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Lectors:</b> 06 — Paula Little 13 — Melodie Lanosga 20 — Peggy Gustafson 27 — Julie Wersal		1	2	3	4	5
		November Clothing Drive Begins 	Loss & Grieving Support Groups 	5 p.m.: Transition Team Meets 	Noon: Ministerial Alliance	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>All Saints Sunday</i> 10 a.m.: Worship & Fellowship Follows	5:30 p.m.: AA (Fellowship Hall)		Loss & Grieving Support Groups 	5 p.m.: Transition Team Meets 		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10 a.m.: Worship & Fellowship Follows 11:30 a.m.: Church Council meets in Blue Room <i>Megan Pierce Preaches</i>	5:30 p.m.: AA (Fellowship Hall)		Loss & Grieving Support Groups 	5 p.m.: Transition Team Meets 	Newsletter Deadline 	Turkey Cooking Day at Zion's 
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10 a.m.: Worship & Fellowship Follows	5:30 p.m.: AA (Fellowship Hall)  Zion's Community Thanksgiving Preparation and Dinner 					
27	28	29	30	Communion: 06 — The Pierce Family 13 — Carol Schulzkump - Ruthie Culpepper 20 — David & Pamela Nelson Serafini 27 — Kathy Broman & Doris Blalock		
<i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>  10 a.m.: Worship & Fellowship Follows	5:30 p.m.: AA (Fellowship Hall)		Loss & Grieving Support Groups 			
<b>Birthdays:</b> 03 — Melodie Lanosga 06 — Sharon Sorenson 14 — Hailey Bearden 18 — Nicholas Navarette 25 — Dick Rasmussen 26 — Mike McNeil 28 — Shelly Jones				<b>Ushers:</b> 06 — Paula Little - Elaine Trujillo 13 — Dick & Ann Rasmussen 20 — Peggy Gustafson - Cherie Holder 27 — John Rygiel - Cherie Holder		

## From Our History Books:

# Zion's Lutheran Navigated the Great Depression

*(This is the fourth in a series looking at the life of Zion's Lutheran. Previous articles in this series looked at Zion's History from it inception through 1925, where this article picks up.)*

Many items in our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall attest to Zion's Lutheran's rich history. Two of those items were added around the time of the Great Depression — one just before the Depression began and the other shortly after it ended. The first was our organ, the second an oil painting in the Fellowship Hall.

The Wick's pipe organ was installed and dedicated in 1926, debt-free. Almost 100 years ago when it was purchased and installed, the organ cost \$4,000, the equivalent of \$67,075.25, in today's funds.

In 1928, the congregation ceased to be a mission church and became self-sustaining. Zion's membership had more than doubled and the church was debt-free with accumulated funds. However, the following year heralded the onset of the Great Depression, which took its toll.

Pastor C.K. Naffziger served Zion's at the time. He was pastor from October 1929 through 1934, and helped the congregation navigate the depression. Despite all efforts, by the end of 1931, the church had accumulated a debt of \$900 (the equivalent of \$17,574.16 in today's dollars). In March 1935, Pastor C.L. Ramme again assumed Zion's pastorate; by 1938, the congregation's Great Depression debt was erased.

The year 1938 also marked Zion's 50th anniversary. The golden jubilee was celebrated with special events from March 1938 to September 1939. As a 50th anniversary gift, Pastor Ramme presented the congregation with an oil painting called "Mary and Martha," which he painted, and that still hangs in the Fellowship Hall.

Zion's first 50 years included: 514 baptisms, 214 confirmations, 153 weddings, and 275 funerals, with 4,492 people in attendance at Sunday Worship.



*Organist Connie Pallone plays Zion's Historic Wick's pipe organ.*

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