

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.

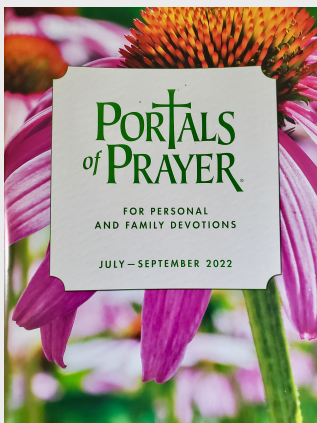
Bible Study is at 8:30 a.m. and Fellowship time follows worship.

All are welcome! Both large print worship bulletins and sermon copies are available.

We continue to be mindful of the different ways people are health compromised that may not be known. Continue to practice healthy community habits such as stay home when you are sick, wash hands, observe social distancing. Masks are at the discretion of each individual. More details can be found on our website and in the Sunday Bulletins.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer is available on the table near in the Fellowship Hall including a large print edition.



We Are Not Traveling Alone

By Jo Moss

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

~Jeremiah 29:11

Transitions are a part of life, filled with both challenge and opportunity. For communities of faith, transitions are fertile ground for God's transformational work. Admittedly, change often is not easy when we look at what was and wonder about what is to come. Granted, Zion's transition is tinged with sadness as we support Pastor Andrea on her cancer camino, rather than traditional pastoral changes associated with retirement or moving. As difficult as this transition may be, we are not taking this path alone, as Jeremiah reminds us that the Lord has plans for our welfare and not for harm.

Know that our synod is journeying with us too. When a congregation begins a pilgrimage of transformation, the Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop's Office accompanies them. For Zion's that assistance comes directly from both Bishop Gonia and Deacon Janice Zimbleman, who is responsible for transitions ministries for our Synod and for the neighboring Grand Canyon Synod. We also find comfort and support through our prayers and those of friends, as well as of fellow congregations that also accompany us along the way.

Congregational transitions are incredibly significant in the life of the whole church. They offer an opportunity for renewal and a time to reflect on the ministry and future of each congregation in unique ways. According to the Bishop's Office, "Entering the transition process intentionally and thoughtfully allows the Holy Spirit to move and breathe new life into the ministry of your congregation."

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And, while we are not alone on this journey it is important to care for and support one another, to respect opinions, address concerns, and remain open minded. While many of us want answers and updates now, it is important to recognize that any transition is a process. While we live in a world where information and analysis are almost instantaneous, we must be patient, trusting in the leadership of our church council and our synod.

This is not a time for posturing, speculating, or pushing personal agendas. It is a time for faith and fellowship, kindness and caring, trust and hope. One of our first steps in the transition process begins in late June with the arrival of our interim pastor Kate Schlechter and Koi-Chan (Pastor Kate's Dog), who will live in part of the parsonage for the next six months.

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Kate (see attached article to learn more about her) who will accompany us on the start of our transitional journey. Pastor Kate's first official day at Zion's will be June 29.

Meet Interim Pastor Kate Schlechter and Koi-Chan

Pastor Kate Schlechter was born and reared in Southern California, where the ocean and the beach were her playground. Sailing, snorkeling, crabbing, building sandcastles, and beach volleyball Pastor Kate says filled her summer days.

Campus ministry at California State University, Long Beach led Pastor Kate to a 4-year call as a missionary in Tokyo, Japan, working for the former LCA (Lutheran Church in America) synod. In Tokyo Pastor Kate heard the call to the Office of Word and Sacrament and in March 1993, she was Ordained in Montana.

Since her ordination, Pastor Kate has served congregations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Montana, Hawaii, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico, California, and Colorado (Boulder). She is well respected for her work with transitional congregations and brings a wealth of experience to Trinidad and Zion's.

For the past seven years, Pastor's dog Koi, part Havenese and poodle, has been her companion in her congregational and therapy work. Koi's favorite toy is an orange tennis ball and she loves making new friends especially those who will throw the ball for her.

"Don't be surprised if she walks up to you and voices an invitation to play ball! Know she doesn't shed and is hypoallergenic," Pastor Kate says, adding that she calls her puppy Koi-Chan, which Pastor Kate translates to mean "little love" in Japanese.



Pastor's current interests include, but are not limited to, growing roses, as well as writing a dissertation for a PhD in Mythology with an emphasis on Depth Psychology and the exploration of how the role of cultural mythology influences our personal life stories.

"I am specifically researching a 4,000-year epic poem from Mesopotamia and its relevance for Christian Clergywomen in the twenty-first century," she says.

An avid believer in prayer, Pastor Kate has had the same prayer partner for 38 years and has practiced the discipline of spiritual direction twice monthly for the past 23 years.

"I firmly believe the Christ in me, meets the Christ in thee with every breath we take. I look forward to our time together when Christ unites us in ministry for the sake of the Gospel in our midst. (So I am) on the journey to you, to be a servant leader in your midst."

We will welcome Pastor Kate to Zion's on Sunday, July 3. So, save the date.



June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Ushers: 05 — Kathy Broman & Doris Blalock 12 — John & Lisa Rygiel 19 — Pierce Family 26. — Mike & Becky McNeil			1	2	3 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & Zoom) 	4 Autism Garage Sale 	
5 <i>Wear Red</i> 10 a.m.: Pentecost Worship, Fellowship Follows with Interim Pastor Discussion	6	7 Dementia Support Group	8	9	10	11 Noon: Lunch Bunch	
12 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study 10 a.m.: Worship, Fellowship Follows 11:30 a.m.: Church Council	13	14	15	16 Newsletter Deadline 	17 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & Zoom) 	18	
19 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study 10 a.m.: Worship, Fellowship Follows	20	21	22	23	24 Five Loaves Preparation Day 	25 Five Loaves Delivery Day  Sky Ridge Campers	
26 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study 10 a.m.: Worship, Fellowship Follows	27	28	29 <i>WELCOME PASTOR KATE & KOI</i> 	30 10 a.m. Book Club	Lectors: 05 — Kathy Broman 12 — Lisa Rygiel 19 — Megan Pierce 26 — Mike McNeil		
Birthdays: 03 — Andrea Doeden 03 — Mark Moss 04 — Connie Hass 04 — Connie Pallone 05 — Jeff Smith			06 — Janice Hornaman 07 — Paige Otten 10 — Jeane Nordine 14 — Carol Schulzkump 17 — Joni Jones 18 — Bailee Jones			18 — Ethan Begano 21 — Vicki Rienks 23 — Peggy Gustafson 25 — Pamela Nelson-Serafini 27 — Maddi Otten	

Pastor Andrea Shares PanCan Thanks and Photos

Dear Team PancreATTITUDE!

Thank you so much for supporting PanCan (Pancreatic Cancer Action Network) and 'my team!'

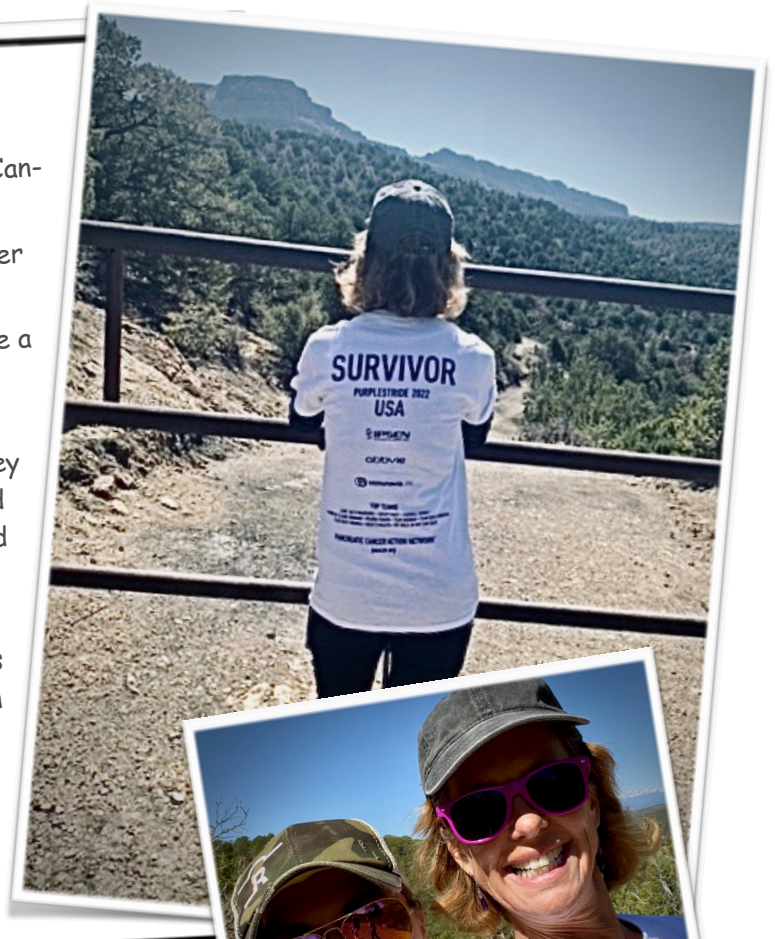
One week ago we gathered or remembered one another and raised \$7,033.45 for PURPLE STRIDE USA.

I now know that I look okay in a purple hoodie and have a photo of me at the top of the trail at Fisher's Peak State Park wearing my 'survivor' t-shirt!

But this was an important day because we raised money for a really important reason — to bless patients and fund research for new immunotherapies and targeted therapies! I pray this cancer too has advances that can help patients (maybe even me)!

It is such a gift to know that I have so many friends & family that donated in my honor. Thank you to each and every one of you!

Gratefully,
Andrea



Above: Pr. Andrea, Julie Wersal & Anthony Campbell; Top: Pastor Andrea at the top of Fisher's Peak trail; Middle: Pastor Andrea & LaDonna Moltre; Bottom right: Right: PanCan hikers.

What's Happening in Zion's Lutheran Family?

- ★ On Sunday, May 22 our dear sister Pat Fletcher was bid Farewell & Godspeed as she is moving to Florida to be closer to family.
- ★ Also, our treasured friends the Navarette family, as part of a job change, are moving to Grand Junction, CO. We look forward to honoring them at a worship service later this summer.



Pastor Becky McNeil honors Pat Fletcher

- ★ Bread & Belonging is on Summer Hiatus and Sunday Bible Study returns June 12.
- ★ Congratulations to Megan Pierce who will spend her summer working at Rainbow Trails.
- ★ Zion's welcomed into Christian fellowship young Liam Anthony Magnone, who was baptized during worship service on May 15. Pastor Andrea, during the service, noted that Liam's baptism was "perfect." We extend our congratulations to the Magnone and Hass families upon this blessed occasion.



Pastor Andrea Doeden baptizes Liam Anthony Magnone.

- ★ If you didn't have a chance yet, be sure to read Pastor Andrea's update and words of reassurance that was the introduction for email distribution of the May 29 Sunday worship bulletin. She sent it out on May 28, so check your email or read it on our webpage at: <https://zionslutheran.tithelysetup2.com/podcasts/media/2022-05-28-bulletin-seventh-sunday-in-easter>.

Pastor Andrea has begun her long-delayed Camino walk in Spain. She and Paul safely arrived in Spain on May 29, and Pastor Andrea on her Caring Bridge blog of May 7, "Two years ago, prior to the pandemic and my pancreatic cancer diagnosis, we had a 6 week sabbatical planned where we were going to walk the French route of 'The Way of St James.' That camino never happened and my cancer camino did. I had hoped that maybe I would still be able to walk the Camino de Santiago but last year wasn't right...so the dream got shelved...Bishop Jim Gonia...encouraged me to mark the end of my ministry in a special way so I decided to book a camino tour with a Spanish company that offers a "kinder Camino," a guided trip of the last 100K over 11 days. It's not the trip we had planned on walking 2 years ago but it's my newest camino adventure and it'll be amazing and a gift to Paul and I." Our prayers continue for Pastor Andrea and Paul on this trip and in the days and weeks ahead.

Zion's Website Helps Us to Stay Connected

You can find a wealth of information on Zion's website at: ZionsLuth.org.

From the homepage on your phone or computer navigate to Sermons & Bulletins to find the worship service bulletin, which usually is posted the day before the service. You also can find the text for Sunday Sermons under the same tab. It usually is posted the day of the service. On a cell phone use the menu to navigate to the tabs, on the computer tabs are in the header.

The News tab includes copies of the weekly E-Formation, our monthly newsletters *Connections*, as well as other updates. On the Events page, find details for activities in the church and special details.



In addition, the Give tab, makes it easy to send offering or special memorials via Tithely, which also is the host of our website. Our webpage has links to plan a visit to Zion's, as well as information about the church and how to contact us. Clicking on the colorful buttons takes you to information about Zion's as well as ELCA.

We are grateful to our contributors for their work with site design, updates, and photos. If you would like to contribute to the website, share photographs, or offer suggestions, contact Jo Moss.

ELCA Updates

Response to Uvalde, Texas, School Shooting (5/26/2022)

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

Gracious God, news of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, has ripped our hearts and torn our souls. We are walking through the valley of the shadow of death. In the depths of pain and anger, we come before you, O God, our rock and our refuge. You are our only comfort. You are our only hope. Merciful God, you know the depth of our suffering. We have only begun to mourn those we have lost.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America grieves with the families of 19 students and two teachers killed in Tuesday's mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas. Mass shootings in this country over the past two weeks have deepened the wounds of grief and sorrow. This follows the racially motivated shooting of 10 people in Buffalo, NY; the shooting in Laguna Woods, Calif; and the 27 other school shootings that have occurred in 2022. Many of the shooters have targeted children and older adults — some of the most vulnerable in our society.

We reaffirm our commitment in calling for greater gun safety, including preventing easy access to assault-style weapons and strengthening our federal system of background checks for all gun sales. As people of faith, we hold on to our belief in caring for our neighbors and striving for justice and peace in all the earth. We ask for continued support for all first responders that arrive at a moment's notice and place their lives in harm's way for the sake of others. We ask for continued support for those providing medical, mental and emotional support as we grieve over this tragedy. We lament for those who have perpetrated violence against others. We thank the leaders of the Southwestern Texas Synod responding to the shooting in Uvalde and for ecumenical and inter-religious partners committed to accompanying this community for the long term.

The ELCA social message "Community Violence" (1994) calls on our church to continue partnering with other religious and community groups in anti-violence initiatives that offer vital spiritual and moral resources, and that replace the fear and violence plaguing our homes, schools, communities and nation with hope and reconciliation. We join with others in pushing to stem the proliferation of guns in our streets, schools and communities, and to end the culture of violence that pervades our media and society.

Excerpts from ELCA statement on Buffalo Shootings (5/19/2022)

"Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?" (Jeremiah 8:22)

Our hearts grieve for those who have been killed and our souls cry out against more lives lost to the hatred birthed by racism. As we mourn those lives lost as a result of the racially motivated killings in Buffalo, we ask God to ease the continued suffering and trauma of our Black siblings throughout the nation and in our church. We are one body in Christ, so when one part suffers, we all suffer.

We of the ELCA acknowledge our complicity in the ongoing cycle of violence that grows out of white supremacy. "Through colonization and slavery, the United States of America helped to create and embrace a system of valuing and devaluing people based on skin color and ethnic identity," the National Council of Churches declared in 2020. "The name for this system is white supremacy." As a predominantly white church, we benefit from this system, and we must double our efforts to dismantle it.

In 2019, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted the social policy resolution "Condemnation of White Supremacy and Racist Rhetoric." Through this action we committed to pushing back and speaking out against racist ideas that divide God's children and perpetuate white supremacy in our church and society. At the Heidelberg Disputation of 1518, Martin Luther reminded us that, "A theology of glory calls evil good and good evil. A theology of the cross calls the thing what it actually is." Calling a thing what it actually is can be a first step toward healing the wounds of God's people, but not the last. We must take real and lasting action now—through education, relationship-building with Historic Black Churches, ongoing anti-racism education, advocacy, and self-reflection. Churches have a foundational role in eradicating racism and white supremacy in society. The ELCA's European Descent Lutheran Association for Racial Justice calls upon all ELCA members, especially white congregations and leaders, to join their communities and other congregations in prayer, study and actions utilizing many churchwide and ecumenical resources.

Spotlight On:

Assisting Our Community Through Service

Our 5th Sunday offering in May benefitted ACTS, a local organization that helps those in need. ACTS, which stands for Assisting our Community Through Service, is a partnership of faith-based organizations and community members seeking to steward resources to help those in our community who are in need.

ACTS is supported by Trinidad Ministerial Association with Zion's as one of its leading contributors not only through donations, but also through outreach services.

ACTS lists its Mission Goals as :

- ◆ To inspire community organizations, businesses, and individuals to steward their resources to help those in need in responsible, effective ways.
- ◆ To be a helpline for those in need.
- ◆ To connect those in need to resources available to our community.
- ◆ To support service providers in our community that they may continue serving those in need.

But if anyone has the world's good and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth.
 -1John 3:17-18

According to Zion's dear member Lana Geier those services require approximately 10 to 15 hours a week , which usually is spent providing transportation, showers, and assistance with paperwork for programs such as food stamps, support navigating medicaid.



Zion's Member Lana Geier, who is a driving force for helping people in need in the Trinidad area.

Volunteers also assist with applications for low income housing and scheduling and taking people to get identifications, social security cards, and similar logistical needs.

The organization's administrative costs are very low, and primarily for phone services. Lana says that she and Penny Saudi alternate taking calls for ACTS assistance and "doing what needs to be done for people". People needing ACTS assistance can call (719) 285-4444 or email trinidadacts@gmail.com.

Among the services that ACTS provides are utility assistance for people in need and partnerships with two local programs to help feed people: Fisher's Peak Soup Kitchen for free lunches Monday through Friday and St. Vincent DePaul food ministry on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Lana explains that the majority of ACTS funds are used to help people. She explained that depending upon the season, people's needs change and ACTS adjusts its assistance accordingly.

ACTS also works closely with Pastor Clay and the Way Ministry (that Zion's also supports) for helping the homeless.

Donations can be sent to ACTS at 10377 Santa Fe Trail Drive in Trinidad 81082.

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From Our History Books:

Zion's Members Celebrated the Diamond Jubilee All Year

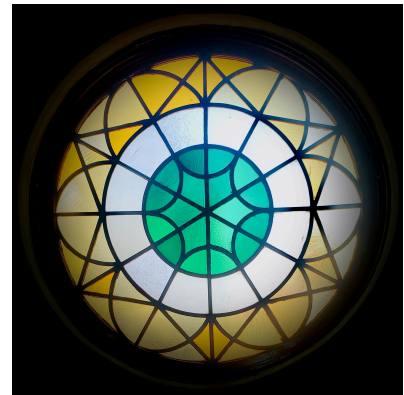
In 1963, Zion's Lutheran celebrated its "Diamond Jubilee" with five festival events scheduled throughout that year to recognize the church's then 75-year history. The Rev. Albert J. Shandrick studied "10 thick volumes penned in German and English script to get source material" from which he wrote a history of the church.

According to newspaper accounts, "Early Trinidad history of the church comes alive in the formal minutes and ledgers dating back 75 years. Lutheranism came to Trinidad in February of 1888 when the Rev. Rauh held the first services. The church was established solidly and firmly at the outset and has never wavered since its organization."

The five festival events that the congregation elected to observe in 1963 included an annual Family Night in March at which time the Lutheran Church Women presented a pageant highlighting the history of Zion's Women's auxiliaries. Other festivities included a summer church picnic that was patterned after the Zion's first picnic, which was held in July 1888 in Long's Canyon.

In September 1963 the celebratory event featured another pageant, this one depicting each phase of the Church's growth.

The fourth event focused on Reformation Sunday with featured speakers and honored guests from the congregation and the community. The final event of the year featured a visit from the Rocky Mountain Synod president and included an afternoon program.



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