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The Zion Spirit



"Grounded in Christ: Sent to be a blessing"

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Worship Updates: Getting the Info You Need Congregational Forum October 18th at 10:30 AM on Zoom

To be sure we are all on the same page for the next chapter as well as be sure ideas are heard and information shared well, a congregational forum is planned for this Sunday, October 18th at 10:30 AM. There will be no Sunday School that day so everyone can attend! The agenda for the forum will include:

- Worship protocols and updates for when we do resume worship on-site.
- A look at the phone app for Zion
- Updates for the agenda for the congregational meeting (budget issues, nominations for council, etc.)
- Other things people have ideas or questions about

We will try to keep the meeting to less than one hour. Please plan to attend!

Here's the Zoom links:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7406120911?
pwd=and6ZzRUkzFWaWJiMXpmVzVtazlxZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7406120911?pwd=and6ZzRUkzFWaWJiMXpmVzVtazlxZz09)

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No Sunday School This Week

Because of the online forum to give updates and info about worship, the phone app and other things, there will be no online Sunday School this week. Dianha Ortega Ehreth will be calling parents to discuss how things are going and how Zion can best help you find ways to support your family and children in their spiritual growth as Christians this week.



Worship This Week on Facebook Live

In worship we'll look at Hannah's Song and the importance of praising God in all things. Texts are 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 and the Gospel of Luke 1:46-55 You can read more about this week's theme on our weekly blog, Tuesday Thoughts. So, if you have a few minutes, look it up and read it before worship on Sunday. See you online.



Advent and Christmas They Are Just Around the Corner!

This year's Advent and Christmas will be unlike any we have experienced in our lifetimes. So we need to plan ahead and see what we can do to make them unique and memorable under the circumstances. If you'd like to be a part of a team to help plan Christmas worship or some Advent activities, please see Pastor Dave. We'll begin meeting using Zoom very soon!



On-The-Ground Indoor Worship Postponed as COVID Numbers Rise

As we move forward, our church council spent a lot of time reflecting on the issue of on-site worship. We know some of you are very anxious to return. But after reflecting on it, council agreed that the time seemed to be approaching but now is not the time. COVID-19 numbers of cases and positivity rates in Kane County are rising now and if it wasn't a good idea two months ago, it is a worse idea now. So, council has approved continuing the current schedule for the next few weeks as we watch the numbers from the Kane County Health Department. Essentially, we'll stay the course until COVID cases drop to lower than about 1500 per day statewide and positivity rate is less than 4% for Kane County (currently up to over 7%).

For the next few weeks, our schedule will remain:

- 9:30 AM – Online Worship via Facebook Live (link posted on web site by about 11:00 AM)
- 10:30 AM – Fellowship, Sunday School and other online activities

Supply Drive for Lowrie School You Made A Real Difference (And Thanks to Thrivent Too!)



Some of you have already brought in supplies for Lowrie – Thanks! We will be bringing these to the school this week. There were many generous donations and we were excited at the response. Nice job! Also, a big thanks to Thrivent Financial for its \$250 grant to get supplies as well. We did really well and the Thrivent-Zion partnership is a real blessing to the kids and teachers at Lowrie!

CROP Walk to End Hunger Thanks to Our Walkers

Eight Zion folks plus a dog did the neighborhood CROP Walk and although it looked different this year, it was still a success. Thanks to Dale Edwards, Karen Rizzo, Rebecca Rizzo, Joe Ramirez, Erin Ramirez, Gabby Ramirez, Pastor Dave, Deacon Marlene and their dog Elsa for walking.

If you want to, you can still donate <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/elginil/ZionLutheran> and this is the last week (CROP Sunday is October 18th). So, if you still want to support Team Zion in this, please go there and make a donation.

God's Work –Our Hands Campaign a Success Please Send in Your Hours!

We will do one more update on the service mosaic, so please send in your service hours to Allison at ZionElgin@Yahoo.com so we can track and share what has been done so far! The campaign ended on October 11th, so if you have done something, please share it! The picture here shows what we received to date. Thanks!

Remember, service is not a 4-week emphasis, it is a way of life for Christians so if you want to find some ongoing service opportunities, you can still find them by clicking here: <http://zionelginil.org/gods-work-our-hands-2020/>



Centro de Informacion Gala Zion is a Sponsor! Would you consider helping or getting a ticket?

Zion's council has once again decided to be a sponsor for the annual gala to support the fine and important work of Centro de Informacion, one of our community partners that works to help immigrants get the services they need and training and support for legal residency and citizenship. It is a great group and does important work. Mandy Garcia is helping them organize this event which will be in the evening of Tuesday, October 20th.

This year's gala will be an online one. Our sponsorship will contribute \$1200 for the support we offer them and in return we are able to do a little promotion for our ministry. Normally, we invite members to attend the gala dinner and contribute \$120 toward the sponsorship – this has worked well. But with no dinner to attend, that plan is not workable this year. So, council decided to approve the amount and simply do so knowing that God has blessed our congregation with commitments and the resources to keep them.

But we are asking, if you would like to make an extra gift toward helping with this added item, please consider doing so. Just make a note in Paypal, use Vanco and call the office so that we can tag the donation, or simply write a check and put in the memo line. Thanks to all who have donated so far. To date we have collected \$705 toward the \$1200 goal.

In addition, if you'd like to buy a ticket for yourself and attend online, they are \$60 each and can be bought at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/ikv/> if you'd like to attend online. Tickets include a swag bag of goodies and a margarita mix with a pre-event cocktail hour online and most importantly provide support.

Spirituality and Nature New Unit Begins October 15th

Deacon Marlene will be starting a 4-week session on Spirituality and Nature beginning Thursday, October 15 at 10:00 AM on Zoom. There is much we can learn in our faith life from the changing of seasons, of a walk in the woods or reflecting on a tree. Come and explore God's creation with us as we seek to deepen our spiritual life.

To join the sessions on Zoom, here is the login info:

To be a part of the class, join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83943242899>

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Memory Verse for this Month

*There is no one holy like the LORD;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
(1 Samuel 2:2)*

**City-wide Book Reading
Read and Discuss About Race in America**


The city of Elgin will be having a three-season chance to read books on race and have discussions as we do. The Coalition of Elgin Religious Leaders, which Pastor Dave serves on as co-president, is one of several sponsors for this exciting and helpful work. The book we will read in the Fall is *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving. This is a very good book to help us understand how systemic racism is built into the fabric of life. In addition, there will be a two hour Zoom session with the author on Sunday, October 25th from 2:00 – 3:30 PM hosted by the Gail Borden Library. Watch for more about this and check out the title at the Gail Borden Library which will be ordering several copies for people to read – both paper and e-books.

To get the Zoom link you need to register ahead. We hope many of you will attend. Here is the registration link: https://gailborden.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VorzK7GCQvO7ALb_fQO27Q

Thanks for Sending in Your Offerings

As we look at our financial reports, you are all doing amazing work and you need to hear a big “NICE JOB!” and THANK YOU!” As you know, it is making amazing work possible in this challenging time.

**This Week's Calendar:**
**Sunday, October 18 – 20th Sunday
After Pentecost**

9:30 AM – Worship on Facebook Live

10:30 AM – Online Forum on Zoom

Tuesday, October 20

8:00 PM – AA Meeting

Thursday, October 22

10:00 AM – Spiritual Disciplines (Spirituality and Nature)

Saturday, October 24

10:00 AM – AA Meeting

8:00 PM – AA Meeting

Next Sunday, October 25

9:30 AM – Worship on Facebook Live

10:30 AM – Sunday School Online

