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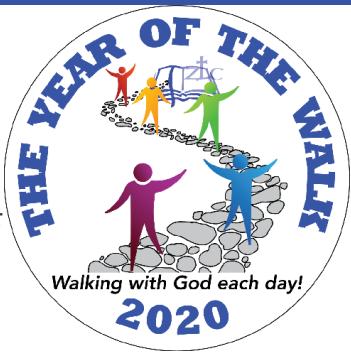
The Newsletter of Zion Lutheran Church
Piedmont, California

February 2020



Pastor Paul writes...

It's good to be home. Our group of nineteen returned last month from our tour in the land of the Bible. We had an amazing trip. We covered a lot of ground in a short period of time: four countries on three continents over eleven days. We traveled by plane, ship, and bus across sky, sea and land. 14,700 miles by air, 1,700 miles by water and another 400 miles by road. We came home tired but happy, having traveled in the footsteps of Jesus and St. Paul in Israel, Egypt, Turkey and Greece.



The most active part of our trip was the walking. We walked in big cities and in small towns. We walked through ancient ruins and archaeological digs. We walked among pyramids and tombs. We walked in caves and coves. We walked on islands and hilltops and on a bridge over the Corinth canal. It was a lot of walking! A person can see and learn so much by walking the land and by being among the people of the land.

This year at Zion we will be talking a lot about walking because this is the "Year of the Walk." We have completed the Year of the Bible and have developed our solid habits of being daily in God's Word. Now we are focusing our attention and energy on walking our talk. We can talk all day about what we believe but until we walk our talk it won't have much impact on those around us. When we walk our talk and our actions reflect our beliefs, then God's Spirit does amazing things in us and through us!

So, in this Year of the Walk, we are going to be focusing on what it means to walk with Jesus every day in every dimension of our lives. We are going to be focusing on holistic discipleship. Specifically, in this Year of the Walk, we will focus on the HEAD, HEART, HANDS AND HABITS of the disciple of Christ. Each quarter we will emphasize a different dimension of holistic discipleship.

Holistic discipleship is based on Scripture's command to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." (Mark 12:30). Consider Jethro's instructions to Moses in Exodus 18:20-21: "Teach them his decrees and instructions (what to believe and value = HEAD & HEART) and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave (how to live and serve = HANDS). But select capable men from all the people - men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain (character = HABITS) - and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens (MULTIPLICATION)."

In this first quarter of the Year of the Walk, we are concentrating particularly on the HEAD of the disciple, what we believe and how we communicate our faith to others. Lift up your head, open your mind and join us as we walk together in Christ!

Walking with you in Christ, Pastor Paul

Weekly Worship

SUNDAYS

8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
4 year olds through 6th grade

10:00 am Youth Bible Class
10:00 am Adult Bible Class I & II
11:00 am Contemporary Worship

WEDNESDAYS

10:00 am Bible Class

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WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS CONTINUES ITS STUDY OF ROMANS

Regarding the Book of Romans, Dr. Martin Luther wrote: "This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament and is truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. We can never read it or ponder over it too much; for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes!"

You are invited to join us from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Garden Room. Coffee and treats are provided at every class! The first Wednesday of each month we celebrate Holy Communion at the end of class and the last Wednesday of each month we watch a Christian video, followed by a potluck lunch together. If you cannot join us every Wednesday, come as often as you can!

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS I

On Sunday, February 2nd Bible Class I will complete our study of what the Scriptures teach concerning spiritual gifts. Then we will begin a study of St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians, which is a magnificent epistle focusing on the preeminence of Christ in all things.

**Join us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
in the Garden Room.**



BAKED GOODS / MEAL AUCTION

It's always fun when Zion's Biannual Food Auction happens!! As usual we welcome all sorts of baked goods and/or your special dish to go on the auction block. Everyone can contribute!! It's a 'crazy' time with hilarious Cliff Cooper as our very capable auctioneer!! Contact Barb Van Fossen with any questions and look for the signup sheet in the Narthex.

**So mark your calendar for Sunday,
February 9th, between services!**

Come to the Garden Room prepared to bid on the best and tastiest of deliciously baked delights and sumptuous meals. All proceeds will be used to defray the expenses of our 2021 Spiritual Retreat at Zion. Come with your mouth watering and leave with your arms full of goodies.

All for a good cause



THIRD SUNDAY CLUB

This new feature of Zion's youth discipleship program began on Sunday, September 15th! The Third Sunday is a time to get all of the children together from both services! It is a time for Bible lessons, songs, crafts, snacks, and prayers. It is also a time to get to know all of the children at Zion not just the ones that go to your service. The parents also took the opportunity to visit with each other and to get to know one another better. We had six children aged from 2 to 9 years old. Ask them about the lost sheep and the sheep song! They were all encouraged to invite a friend for the next Third Sunday Club on **February 16th** at 10:00 am.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

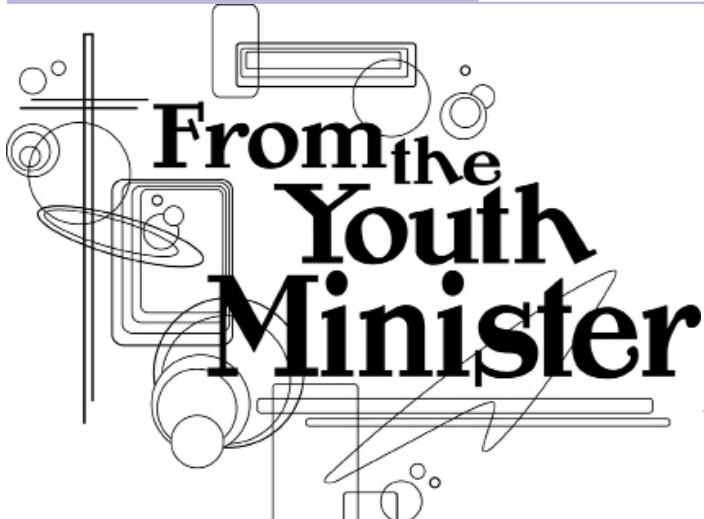
No church experience necessary.

Join us in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. Communion is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Kids' Church meets every week when the children gather to worship God together in their own way.

Zion noiZ

Zion noiZ contains the information we want to make noise about, to celebrate, to invite others, to tell the world. Notice the way that it is capitalized, as if a reflection, this reminds us that we are a reflection of Zion: what we do and how we conduct ourselves all reflect upon Zion.

LET'S GO OUT AND MAKE SOME NOIZ FOR ZION!



JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH NEWS

The Year of the Walk!

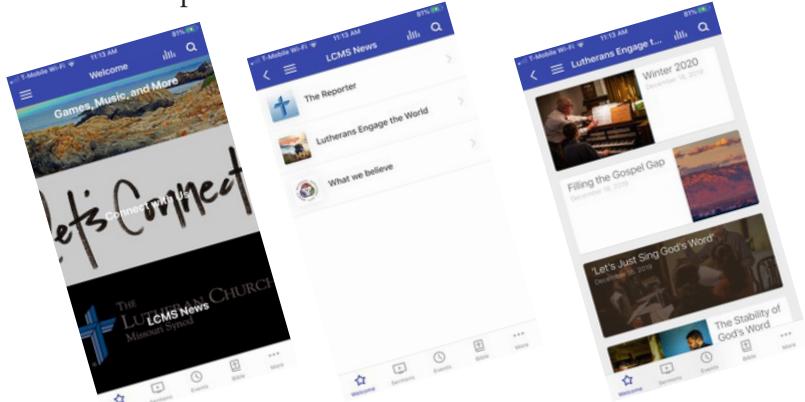
Zion has dedicated 2020 as the Year of the Walk. I have observed how many of you walk. Some of the walks I have seen are: the plod, the speedy, the left and right cut, the stroll, the I'm too cool, like an Egyptian, the amble, the saunter, the march, the trudge, This has made me think about the ways that we walk with God and how we live out our faith and mission. I know that we all are at different places in our faith growth, but this never changes. Sometimes I feel really close with God, walking side by side or even hand in hand. Other times, I feel like I am creeping around in the shadows trying to keep out of God's sight (even though I know He sees everything I do.) Wherever you are in your walk with God, know that He is with you, going out ahead of you, asking you to join Him on the walk.

The Walk is part of everything that we do as Christians. From the way we treat each other, to holding a door, to lending a helping hand, to checking what we say and how we say it. Walking with God is something you do all the time in little ways. Walking with God can also be something bigger that He has planned for you. Maybe you will be a camp counselor and lead ones younger than you, or you may be called on to lead a service project, or be part of a ministry at church or in your community. God has plans to use you in His Kingdom. They may be in small or big ways, but it is all for God's glory.

Take time to listen to what God is telling you. Listen with your ears, heart, eyes and mind, because God communicates in many ways. Then respond to God's call to you. The ways we walk with God may be easy or they may be a challenge, but God is leading you in whatever you do. Remember that even though the Year of the Word is over, you still need to read and hear God's Word all the time to help you on your walk. I am not telling you how to walk, but to walk with God. Because God needs all of us to walk in many different ways. And I will even walk with you.

WHAT'S IN THE APP?

Buried at the bottom of the welcome screen is "LCMS News". This section contains links to: The Reporter, Lutherans Engage the World, and What We Believe. The Report and Lutherans Engage the World both contain many different articles that include what is in each publication and then current updates and news. The What We Believe is a link to the LCMS Belief and Practice website, which has all kinds of information our beliefs and practices.



FOOD OF THE MONTH

It's a new year with new routines!!! As you organize yourselves for 2020, please prayerfully consider adding 2-3 packages / boxes of non-perishable food items to your grocery cart each time you shop. Hunger knows no season and there are folks in need in the Oakland community. Please look for the specially marked barrels in the Narthex for your donations. All groceries are delivered to Pilgrim Lutheran Daycare for their daily meal program. Linda Holt, director, prepares a fresh, healthy breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack for the children in her care.

God Bless you for thinking of those in need in our community!!!

ITEMS NEEDED

Cereal (sugar free)	Pasta and Sauces
Complete Pancake Mix	Rice
Syrup	Beans. (canned or dried)
100% Juices	Canned Vegetables
Peanut Butter and Jelly	Soup and Crackers



DEAR ZION,

James recently sent some pictures of new classroom materials that he purchased from some of the money we sent last year for classroom improvements. They painted the walls, added some hand painted pictures, found some used carpeting to add warmth when the children sit on the floor, as well as some shelving, and was also able to purchase some new learning materials to add to what they had.

He sends his thank you to the people of Zion, for your generosity and love for helping the teachers and students at Raffiki School in Mwika, Tanzania. He would love for us to visit them someday :)

He holds the people of Zion in his regular prayers and hopes we will continue to pray for them as well.

Thank you again for your generous spirit,
Karen Hebel



DAY ADVENTURERS TO TOUR THE LESHER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Join us on Thursday, **February 27th** for a docent-led backstage tour of all three theaters at the Lesher Center for the Arts. The Lesher Center for the Arts is the premier live theatre venue in Central Contra Costa County and hosts a wide variety of events to suit nearly every taste. Cost is \$5.00/person.

After our visit, we will enjoy lunch together at Scott's Seafood in Walnut Creek.

We will meet at Zion at 9:15 a.m. to carpool there.

Sign up at the Welcome Center at church.

Multiply Disciples

Taking a Walk with the One Who (Really) Loves You

"Your unfailing love is always before me; I have journeyed down Your path of truth"

Psalm 26:3

"Thee will I love; my strength, my tower
 Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.
 Thee will I love with all my power,
 with ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
 Thee will I love, O light divine,
 So long as life is mine."
 (Thee Will I Love LSB 694)



PRAYER MINISTRY

These were the words of a favorite hymn of a young college student and friend of my family. He was the same age as my sister, who went off to Harvard that Fall of 1969. On his way home that winter, he fell asleep at the wheel, suddenly entering his heavenly home. Every time I hear that hymn I think about the Christian walk of that young man.

We walk each day with a Heavenly friend. One who promises to be with us and hear us. He promises to never lead us astray, and He will always be with us (Matthew 28:20). He promises to walk with us as our Best Friend.

"What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear –
 All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!"
 (What a Friend LSB 770)

A friend who hears us, a friend who guides us. "For this God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end." (Psalm 48: 14). "Because of Your great compassion You did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take." (Nehemiah 9:19) We walk with a friend who guides us and hears our prayers. He is always with us. We thank God for our friends and family who are here with us on earth, and those who are waiting for us in heaven.

Jesus is the Friend who took our place and paid the ultimate price for our sins. He is the reason we can go to the Father in prayer. He is the reason God is always with us. The one who loved us so much He became the substitute for our sins. Take your daily walk this year with Jesus. Let Him guide you and listen to you. Thank Him every day for being your Savior. Let Him strengthen you and give you wisdom. Sometimes He is leading you – sometimes He is next to you. At times He carries you. He is the One who (really) loves you.

"Precious Lord, take my hand,
 Lead me on, Let me stand;
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 Through the storm, through the night,
 Lead me on to the Light.
 Take my hand, Precious Lord, Lead me home."
 (Precious Lord LSB 739)

Marlene S. Grunow
 Prayer Ministry

SUBSPLASH GIVING UPDATE

As you are aware, you can give online through our website or through Zion's app! It's easy, fast, and secure. But now Subsplash Giving gives you the option to pay the processing fees that Zion would otherwise incur.

With the click of a button, you can now opt-in to increase the size of your gift to cover these processing fees! Look for the "Cover processing fee" section after you enter what fund and frequency and then click the check box "Add \$x.xx to my gift." This new tool provides a simple way to increase your generosity and to help put more money where it makes the biggest impact, God's mission through Zion! If you already have set up reoccurring gifts, you can edit your gift in your account > reoccurring gifts > select gift > click check box to "Add \$x.xx to my gift." Then click save and update.





6th Annual Super Bowl Party at ZLC



**Come watch the game
with your family
and friends
on the
12 foot screen
in the
Garden Room!**



**Stadium Food for sale!
Hot Dogs
Wings,
Garlic Fries,
Pizza, Nachos,
and soft drinks.**

**February 2, 2020
Party 3:00 PM • Kickoff 3:30 PM**

This is a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering in July 2022 in Houston



One simple change can make a big difference in your ability to WIN in your financial life.



Join us for a fun, interactive discussion around financial stewardship that will breed confidence for the future!



EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, February 29, 2020, 10 a.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
5201 Park Boulevard
Piedmont, CA 94611

RSVP w/church 510-530-4213



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IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY

With the start of the new year it would be great to update the church directory! We need your help! Zion can now list separate cell phone numbers and email address for each member of your family. So in order to update the directory: **first** we need to check and update your name, address, phone numbers, and emails. This can be done in by stopping by the table in the narthex and check your information there and make changes if necessary.

THIS IS IMPORTANT: WE NEED AN UPDATED PHOTO!

Time has a way of moving forward, children grow up and some of us grow out! To submit a picture for the directory: 1) Drop off a picture at the church office to scan and update your photo 2) Email a photo to sharger@zionlutheran.net or 3) You may also receive an email request for a photo as well. Remember, photos do not show up in the directory instantly, there is an approval process.

Your can access the directory in the Zion App, the Zion website, or you can download the app for your mobile device for free at the Apple App Store, Google Play or Kindle Fire, just search for Instant Church Directory.

New printed directories will be available beginning February 9th after everyone has had a chance to update their information and photo. The app version is updated instantly.

MOVIE NIGHT Saturday, FEBRUARY 15TH 2020 @ 6:30 P.M.

Coming Home

What is the true measure of a man? John is a hard working man that has focused more on his career than his family. A devastating event leads him back to his hometown, he will come face to face with his choices and their impact on his family. This heartfelt story demonstrates the incredible power of prayer and how God's love can overcome all.

Free movie

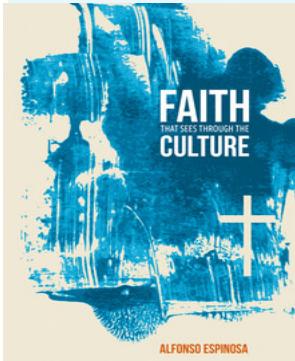
Free popcorn

Free hot chocolate

Join the fellowship and fun. Invite your friends and family!



IRON MEN



Thursday, February 6th @ 6:30 pm

We are meeting a week early this month, due to several regulars and their schedules.

We continue with Faith That Sees Through the Culture.

It is okay if you missed in January. This Month we will look at chapters 8 & 9

"To Whom Am I Speaking?" and "Where Are We?"

Do not worry about joining us in the middle of the book, you are always welcome and your voice will be heard. If you are interested in joining us, see Pastor or Mr. Harger to get a book and start reading.

Iron Men usually meet the second Thursday of the month for food, fellowship, fun and faith building at 6:30 pm in the Garden Room.

Hope to see you there!

Catechism Corner

THE CHURCH YEAR

God's people use the Church Year calendar to help them in their worship life. The Church Year calendar has two halves. The festival half, extending from Advent through the Day of Pentecost, centers on the life of Christ, reminding us of what God has done and continues to do for us through His Son. The nonfestival half, extending from Trinity Sunday through the Last Sunday of the Church Year, focuses on the life of the Church as it is strengthened daily by God's Word.

In all, there are six seasons of the Church Year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and the Season after Pentecost. The following colors are primarily associated with these seasons:

Black: (Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) reminds us of our sorrow at our Savior's suffering.

Blue: (Advent) reminds us of the blessed eternal hope that is ours in Christ.

Green: (Epiphany season and the Sundays after Pentecost/ Trinity) represents the Christian life and growth in the faith.

Red: (Pentecost) the color of fire, representing the coming of the Holy Spirit; also used on certain saints' days
to represent the blood of martyrs.

Scarlet: (Passion Sunday, Holy Week) represents the blood of Christ shed for our forgiveness.

White: (Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and Trinity) is the color of purity, holiness, glory, and joy.

Violet: (Lent, Advent) reminds us of our need for repentance and preparation for the celebration of Easter or Christmas.

Contained within the Church Year are the feast days of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. These days celebrate important events in the life of Christ and what they mean for us today. Other festivals are included on the Feasts and Festivals chart.

Opportunities to Serve at Zion



February

Sunday, February 2nd
8:30 a.m. Communion
 Acolyte: John Windle
11:00 a.m.
 Acolyte: Open

Sunday, February 9th
8:30 a.m. Communion
 Acolyte: John Windle
11:00 a.m. Communion
 Acolyte: Open

Sunday, February 16th
8:30 a.m. Communion
 Acolyte: John Windle
11:00 a.m.
 Acolyte: Open

Sunday, February 23rd
8:30 a.m. Communion
 Acolyte: John Windle
11:00 a.m.
 Acolyte: Open



Producers

Sunday, February 2nd
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
 Betty Galambos Sam Harger

Sunday, February 9th
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
 Steve Harger Thomas Nelson

Sunday, February 16th
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
 Steve Harger Sam Harger

Sunday, February 23rd
8:30 a.m. 11:00 pm.
 Steve Harger Thomas Nelson



February 2nd
 Mike Dal Ferro
 Tim Hebel
 Markus Niebanck
 Llela Tan-Walsh

February 9th
 Kelly Greenan
 Peter Grunow
 Juno Ann Krohn
 Brad Nordstrom

February 16th
 Bob Bishop
 Rachel Heinitz
 Brian Jacobson
 Dave Pratt

February 23rd
 George Berge
 Peter Grunow
 Tim Hebel
 Markus Niebanck



Monitor Operators

Sunday, February 2nd
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
 Blaise Walsh Mae Cham

Sunday, February 9th
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
 Blaise Walsh Mae Cham

Sunday, February 16th
8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
 Blaise Walsh Mae Cham

Sunday, February 23rd
8:30 a.m. 11:00 p.m.
 Llela Walsh DeJuana Aldrich



Communion Assistants

Sunday, February 2nd
8:30 a.m.
 Steve Harger
 Dave Nemy

Sunday, February 9th
8:30 a.m.
 Woody McWhorter
 Brian Walsh
11:00 a.m.
 Don Steffen

Sunday, February 16th
8:30 a.m.
 Cliff Cooper
 Jonathan Schaff

Sunday, February 23rd
8:30 a.m.
 Steve Harger
 Dave Nemy
11:00 a.m.
 Frank Cham

Sunday, March 1st
8:30 a.m.
 Steve Harger
 Woody McWhorter

Sunday, March 8th
8:30 a.m.
 Jonathan Schaff
 Brian Walsh
11:00 a.m.
 Don Steffen

Sunday, March 15th
8:30 a.m.
 Cliff Cooper
 Dave Nemy

Sunday, March 22nd
8:30 a.m.
 Jonathan Schaff
 Brian Walsh
11:00 a.m.
 Frank Cham

Sunday, March 29th
Unified Service 10:00 a.m.
 Woody McWhorter
 Don Steffen

Now that we are in the back of the church and feel more a part of the worship, we still need more help live streaming the service and operating the monitors! We are looking for producers and operators at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday services as well as at special worship services. This is easy to do. Contact Mr. Harger if you are willing to push some buttons!

Opportunities to Serve at Zion



Coffee Hour

February 2nd

Carolyn & Mike Dal Ferro

February 9th

Suzane Layden & Carol Sheehy

February 16th

Janice & Dan Matthews

February 23rd

Becky McFarland



February 2nd

Nancy Keep

February 9th

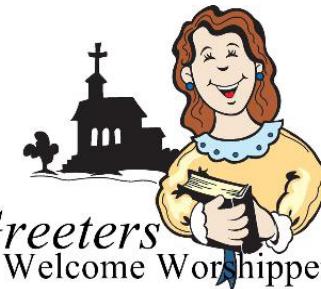
Carolyn Dal Ferro

February 16th

Steve Harger

February 23rd

Kathy Bjornstad



Greeters Welcome Worshipers

February 2nd

8:15/9:45 10:45 am
Barbara Van Fossen Open

February 9th

8:15/9:45 am 10:45 am
Walsh Family Harger Family

February 16th

8:15/9:45 am 10:45 am
Georgette Pratt Open

February 23rd

8:15/9:45 am 10:45 am
Charlotte Calliott Open



February

Kathy Bjornstad

Kathy Pomianek



Altar Flowers

Flowers are used as an expression of joy and beauty and given in thanksgiving.

February 2nd

Carolyn & Mike Dal Ferro

February 9th

Pat Pishney

February 16th

Open

February 23rd

Open

Candle: Juno-Ann Krohn

Cost: Flowers - \$50

Eternal Candle - \$50



Church Humor:

A memorial

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names and a small American Flag were mounted on either side of it.

The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy and said quietly, "Good morning Alex." "Good morning pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque.

"Pastor McGwire, what is this?" Alex asked. "Well, son, it's a memorial to the men and women who died in the service. Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 8:30 or the 11:00?

The florist

Joe was opening a new business, and one of his friends decided to send flowers for the occasion.

The flowers arrived and Joe read the card. It said, "Rest in Peace." Joe, enraged, called the florist to complain.

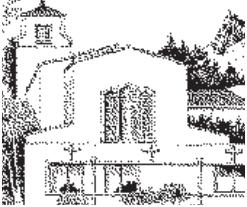
The florist replied, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this: somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new location.'"

The Many Faces of Zion



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