

Weekly Touch Base

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Zion Lutheran Church “Footprints” Coffee with Friends

Good Morning!

The service was recorded with a camera and uploaded later in the afternoon on Sunday—thoughts? How was the recording? Because the Sermon was fantastic! And we want to be sure you were able to access it and hear it with the best quality we can deliver efficiently. Here are links to our website and facebook page where you can access last week's sermon:

<https://www.zionlutheranlebanon.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/zionlutheranlebanon/>

Member Update: Church was wonderful! Meeting with you all in person, worshipping in person, singing our favorite songs... then finally communion for the first time in months. It was so moving. Our family is back together! If you weren't able to join us last week, come this week. It will be another wonderful experience.

Thank you to Jan and Holly for helping to stock the Little Food Pantry. Also a huge thanks to Nadine Smith, who came in this week to paint the upstairs hallway—she also painted the spaces on the parking lot!

Bible Study Link: This week, we'll be covering the Parable of the Weeds. These studies really talk about Jesus thoughts of the second coming and what we are experiencing today. Please join us!

Topic: Thursday Bible Study

Time: Every Thursday at 7:00 PM

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-30 and 36-43

To Join Zoom with your computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83307478644>

Meeting ID: 833 0747 8644

If joining by phone, dial 646 558 8656

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Patsy will be in the office 2 days a week.
If you cannot reach her, please contact
one of the members listed below.

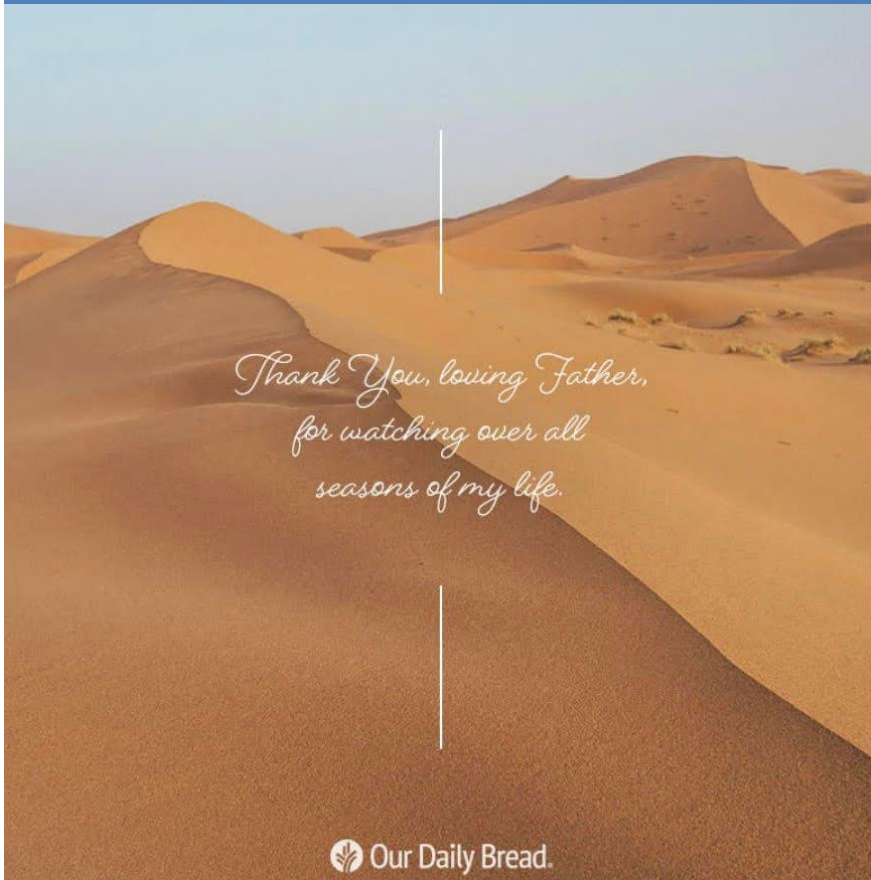
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Featured Verse from The Daily Bread

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-5



Su Dongpo (also known as Su Shi) was one of China's greatest poets and essayists. While in exile and gazing upon a full moon, he wrote a poem to describe how much he missed his brother. "We rejoice and grieve, gather and leave, while the moon waxes and wanes. Since times of old, nothing remains perfect," he writes. "May our loved ones live long, beholding this beautiful scene together though thousands of miles apart."

His poem carries themes found in the book of Ecclesiastes. The author, known as the Teacher (1:1), observed that there's "a time to weep and a time to laugh . . . a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing" (3:4–5). By pairing two contrasting activities, the Teacher, like Su Dongpo, seems to suggest that all good things must inevitably come to

an end.

As Su Dongpo saw the waxing and waning of the moon as another sign that nothing remains perfect, the Teacher also saw in creation God's providential ordering of the world He'd made. God oversees the course of events, and "He has made everything beautiful in its time" (v. 11).

Life may be unpredictable and sometimes filled with painful separations, but we can take heart that everything takes place under God's gaze. We can enjoy life and treasure the moments—the good and the bad—for our loving God is with us.

What are some things you're afraid to try because of life's unpredictability? How can you lean on Jesus as you step forward in courage to forge new friendships and deepen relationships?

Prayer List

Praying for Friends, Members and Shut ins

Bill Bernsworth	Jean Daubert	Rod Nissley
Wendy Binner	Fred	Paula
Sharon Blezard	Charlie and Cindy Gingrich	Aneda Rittle
Marion Blouch*	Marion Hartman*	Addie Sears
Cecil	Frank Hoffman	Shelly
Carol	Joanne Ilgenfritz*	Pat Trizzi
Charlie	The Lezon Family	Sis Weible*
Dr. Jack and Drew Cassidy	David Minnich	Betty Werner*
	Bonnie Morrow	Wendy Worrilow
	Selena & Steph Mumma	Jeremy Yeagley

Front Line COVID-19

Jume Bomberger
Katie Wagner
Samantha Freed
Nicole Plankton

*Shut-ins

Prayer List, please note: If any member or friend of the congregation is doing better and can be taken off the above list, please call Sandy Mathews, 717-270-5434.