Welcome!

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Growing in Christ - Going in Christ

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Paul writes: I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, only God, who makes it grow.

A seed has been planted in each of us; a seed that others will water and help grow. As the apostle Paul reminds us in his letter to the people of Corinth, it is only God that makes the seed grow. It is only God who is able to grow any Christ-likeness within us.

As we grow in Christ-likeness and become disciples of Jesus, we are given a mission. We are commanded to go out make other disciples. Each of us is sent out to teach others what God has taught us. We are sent out to plant more seeds, seeds of discipleship grown by God.

Adult discipleship opportunities at Zion will help you grow in your relationship with God so that you are equipped and ready to go - to love and serve God through love and service to neighbor. Check out the discipleship opportunities offered on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings as well as throughout the week.

Welcome to Zion! Let's grow together.

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Our Weekly Schedule:

Sunday Mornings

Services at 8, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and Mizo language service at 1:00 p.m.

Classes for all ages 9:15 a.m.

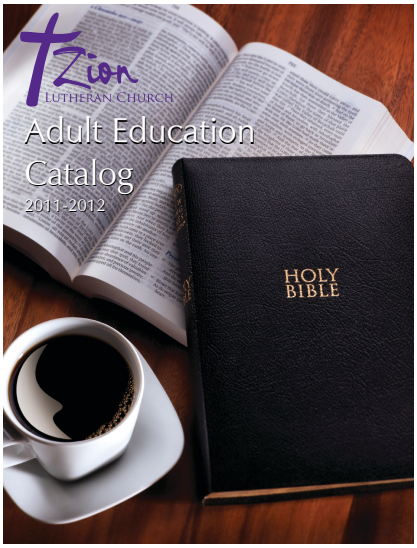
Wednesday Nights

Dinner at 5:45 p.m.

Classes for all ages at 6:30 p.m.

Become a Member!

New Member's Class
Sunday Mornings
April 15, 22, 29, and May 6, 2012



Tina Rasmussen, Teaching Pastor

New Adult Classes Underway, Waiting for You to Join

Sunday Mornings
Bible Study: The Sermon on the Mount and the Cost of Discipleship

Dig deeper into Matthew 5-7 and explore what Jesus had to say about following him. Jesus models and teaches us what it means to be a disciple. This class will use Lutheran theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, The Cost of Discipleship as a guide through these profound teachings of Jesus. Bonhoeffer's book is considered one of the most important books on discipleship written within the last one hundred years.

The Dead Sea Scrolls: Significant Find for Today

The famous Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in the last century and have played an important part in understanding the Old and New Testament. Rev. Gerald Kline will lead this class as it considers the discoveries at Quamran and their significance. Using DVD lectures by Gary Rendsburg of Rutgers University as a guide, Rev. Kline will lead discussion and provide insight into these significant discoveries and our understanding of the Bible.

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts: What You Do Best in the Body of Christ

The New Testament says a lot about "spiritual gifts", but what are spiritual gifts and who gets what and why? This class and will help you identify your God-given spiritual gifts, personal style and passion.

Pick up your copy of the new Adult Educational Catalog at the info desk or check online for a complete listing of all our new and exciting classes which will help you grow in your faith.

Kevin King
Worship and Music

Music Notes

Here at Zion, we are always interested in finding people who wish to use their talents to praise God. It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or a seasoned professional there is always an opportunity to "get plugged in".

If you prefer choral music, the **Jubilate Choir** would be an ideal place for you to become a part of the music ministry at Zion. During the choir season, the group sings at the early service each Sunday, rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:45 PM, and is featured for numerous special occasions throughout the year.

Zion Praise is the Contemporary Christian group that leads worship at the middle and late services each Sunday. The group uses a wide range of instruments ranging from guitar, bass, piano and drums, to flute and violin. many times throughout the year, a horn section or a chamber orchestra is added for special events and worship services. each Sunday, anywhere from 2-5 singers are added to lead the worship service.

Contact Kevin for more information at:

kevinking@ziondsm.org

April	May	June	July
11 Parenting in the Digital Age	**13-20** Invited Inn at Zion. Come and minister to homeless families staying in the church during the week.	**10** Baptism Class 9:15am-10:15am	**7-12** Summit Serve Youth Student Mission Trip to Colorado
15 New Members Class Sundays 9:15am-10:15am April 15-May 6	**19** Neighborhood Garage Sale	**18-22** Bible School	**6-8** Theological Conference
21 Street Outreach - come and pack lunches and distribute to area homeless	**27** Joint Worship at 10:30 Service with Pastor Gakunzee's Church	**16-20** Art Camp	**19** 3Score + Retirees Lunch

All About the Kids

Sunday School's Grow Zone is offered for all children from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday morning, September - May.
Wednesday night WOW classes for all ages begin at 6:30-7:45 every Wednesday evening, September - May, following a dinner at 5:45.

On Sundays and Wednesdays, our 4th-6th graders are separated into boys and girls for mentoring.

Vacation Bible School will take place the week of June 18-22, 2012.

What's the Vision for Children's Ministry at Zion?

We are striving to be intentional about our discipleship process here at Zion. Our goal is to intentionally create cohesive threads woven through the fabric of our education program. Our younger ages (3 year olds – 3rd graders) are learning about the character of God. They are discovering what it means to hear His stories and, as a result, gain a deeper understanding about who God is through those stories. Our 4th-6th grade children shift the focus by beginning to uncover who they are as Christian individuals in relation to God. Our girls and boys are mentored by men and women in the congregation, allowing our youth to gain perspective and to see how God works in their lives. This lays the foundation of understanding for who they are, what God has made them to be, and how they can practically begin living a life dedicated to following Jesus.

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Ways to Get Involved:

There are many opportunities to get involved with our children's programs here at Zion. If you would like more information, have questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at 270-8142.

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Student Ministries @ Zion

Sunday mornings: We offer classes for 7th and 8th grade students in the Junior High Student Center, and 9th grade through 12th grade students on Sunday mornings. Classes take place from 9:15-10:15.

Wednesday nights! We look forward to our midweek here at Zion. Lots of life and great things for Jesus happen throughout our student ministries! Here is a sampling:
Confirmation Classes: for the 7th and 8th grade students take place every Wednesday night beginning at 6:30 and ending at 7:45 in the Junior High room.

Wednesday Night groups are our Sr. high small group ministry at Zion. 9th through 12th grade students gather in the Student Center for hang out time and some relevant and fun teaching. The night begins with worship, and moves to study and discussion on the topic of the night as a group facilitated by our adult leaders. The fun begins at 6:30, lasting until 7:45 p.m.

Activities and Opportunities: Throughout the year we offer a variety of trips, concerts, service events, and opportunities to interact with each other and the community. Our goal is to introduce our youth to Jesus and to see their lives changed by His great love and grace. Check the weekly bulletin and the Zion website for information regarding the latest things going on.

All of our events are BAF events...Bring A Friend! They are welcome to join us at any time, and we are excited to see new faces.

A Look ahead at SummitServe 2012 to Estes Park, Colorado
Our 9th through 12th grade students will once again have the opportunity to put faith into action on our SummitServe trip to Estes Park, Colorado, where they will experience a week of hard work serving the Estes Park community and having fun in the shadows of the Rockies! The YMCA camp of Estes Park will be home base for us as we spend time participating in this community service event the week of July 7-12 Look for sign up information at: summitserve.blogspot.com.

The Reason Why
Everything we do in our Student Ministry has a purpose. Our deepest desire is that our students would encounter Christ in a real way, that they would see how relevant faith in Jesus is to everyday life, and that they would become fully devoted followers of Christ. We believe that Jesus is the answer to all of our questions, and the reason why we are here, why we exist, and He is the reason why we do what we do. If you are interested in learning more about our Student Ministry or want to get involved, contact me! We would love to help your students connect and help you find a spot to serve Jesus by serving students!
Find us...facebook.com/zion des moines student ministries

Brent Osborne,
Pastor of Family Spiritual Development

Welcome! We've been praying for you!

We're so glad you could join us today. Please know that even though we may not know your name or your circumstances, we have been praying for you. We pray especially that you would experience the power and love of Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life, during your visit here.

Zion desires to be a church…

- after Jesus' own heart,
- with relevant, Bible based teaching,
- with passionate and authentic worship,
- of prayer,
- with a heart for our city and the world,
- where the love of our Lord is evident in the way we live **and minister together.**

There are no perfect people at Zion; only people who are being transformed by the grace of God to fulfill his will for their lives.

We hope that whether you are a person seeking the truth about God, life, and eternity, or if you're already a committed Christian who wants to grow deeper in your faith, that you will find a home at Zion.

Please let us know how we can serve you and make you feel personally welcomed and connected. Look for our information desk or for our church staff and leaders wearing name tags at each service.

May you experience the wonder and love of Jesus.

Who We Are Together at Zion Church:

- We are all sinners redeemed by the grace of God through Jesus Christ. We aren't perfect, but we believe God works through imperfect people every day.
- We desire to serve our city for Jesus.
- We are a diverse group of people from different backgrounds, abilities and ethnicities and we believe that Jesus is calling us to be even more diverse.
- We are a group of people in different places on the spiritual map seeking to grow together in the love and knowledge of God.
- We are passionate about serving and giving.
- We love children.
- We seek to help Jesus transform doubt into faith, despair into hope, obstacles into opportunities, barriers into possibilities, darkness into light and death into life.
- We see hope and opportunity and the face of God in the darkest corners of our world.
- We believe that intentional daily acts of kindness will make life better in our community.
- We are not afraid to try new things and we are not afraid to fail.
- We are always looking for opportunities to do something beautiful for Jesus with our lives.
- We understand that the church is miraculously growing in other parts of the world through suffering, inconvenience and hardship. We seek to become more like that church.
- We know that the call to follow Jesus is not the call to be comfortable. It's a call to get out of your life and into the lives of others.
- Six out of ten of our adult members are involved in the ministry at Zion.
- We believe God is beautiful and we seek to restore beauty to all of his creation. We love love art and music and all forms of creative expression.

What We Do Together at Zion:

- Every week we meet together in various groups, languages and formats to worship, teach about Jesus, share our life-journeys, pray and provide a safe place for people to meet God and his people.
- We provide transport for "at risk" kids to school and back every school day.
- We seek to assist those new to our community or in need with furniture and clothing.
- We tutor and provide English language classes.
- Every week we host a free meal for anyone who is hungry.
- Every month we supply lunch, clothing, various supplies and prayer for the homeless on our city's streets.
- We go on periodic trips to share the Good News of Jesus and serve people in other places like Colorado, Mexico, South Africa, and Tanzania.
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- We provide summer activities like Bible School, Art Camp and Bible Camp for children in our neighborhood.
- Three times a year we serve a meal at Children and Family Urban Ministries.
- Four times a year we turn our church into a shelter for homeless families for a week.
- We seek ways to connect our local businesses to people in our church.
- We try to assist all those whom the Lord gives us to serve.
- We are a disaster shelter for Polk County and part of their emergency management plan.
- We are an ICAP - Iowa Career Access Point - working with Iowa Workforce Development to provide job placement via computer and volunteer help.

What We Want to Do Next:

- Community Gardens @ Zion. Especially for the refugee community. Starting Spring 2012.
- Prescription Assistance Fund - We are talking about this now and hope to be able to help cover the cost of necessary prescriptions for at least some of the people in our neighborhood who truly cannot afford them.
- Life Skills Seminars - We are currently working on setting up several types of seminars that will be available to everyone. Topics include things like basic finances and budgeting; how to buy a house?; how to buy a car?
- Establish a neighborhood round table of businesses, residents, schools, churches and institutions in order to assess and meet the needs of our area.

Pastor John Kline
Lead Pastor

Organizations to which we belong

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Founded 10 years ago, LCMC is an association of Lutheran churches dedicated to the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Zion has been a member of LCMC since 2007. For more information, please see: www.lcmc.net

MOSAIX Network: Since we desire to be an intentionally integrated congregation, we belong to the MOSAIX Network. MOSAIX is a relational network of local church pastors/planters, researchers, educators and ministry leaders, that exists to catalyze the growing movement toward multi-ethnic economically diverse churches. For more information: www.mosaix.info

Willow Creek Association (WCA): One of the foremost forces for good change in North American Christianity. For more information: www.willowcreek.org

Catalyst The core vision of Catalyst is to impact the next generation by creating "change agents" throughout the church that possess wisdom and understanding. By helping these leaders grow in their leadership ability – Catalyst can have impact on an entire generation. For more info: www.catalystspace.com

How our building helps us minister to our community...

One way we seek to be the kingdom of God together is to give away our building for the good of our community. We are pleased to do weddings and funerals and events for members and non-members alike. We believe that if Jesus owned a building, it would be open to all who seek to make the world a better place to use and enjoy. Here is a list of the various entities who use our building:

Awaken: We are proud that Awaken calls Zion home and we serve as the headquarters for this magnificent presentation of the gospel in mime. Awaken's offices are located in the office block at Zion. If you haven't seen this amazing show, please watch our website for details and check: www.amakenonline.org

Des Moines Mothers of Multiples: Zion is pleased to host the twice yearly DMOM sale which provides quality used clothes, strollers, toys, beds, and other equipment for moms and dads with twins and triplets and other multiple birth children. More info at: wwwdmmom.bravehost.com

Agape Pregnancy Center: Agape helps women who are pregnant and in difficult situations. Zion hosts Agape's yearly craft and rummage sale. For more information about this beautiful ministry: www.agapeprc.org

Heartland Area Education Agency: We can support our local schools by providing space at a nominal charge for Heartland Area Education Agency to train and equip teachers and other educators. More information about Heartland AEA can be found at: www.aea11.k12.ia.us

Westside Early Education Center: This is a new association for us. Westside is a long established pre-school with a sterling reputation that became homeless in the late summer of 2011. Zion felt the Lord calling us to provide a temporary home for this pre-school and its children, teachers and families. Our hope is that by providing Westside with rent free temporary quarters for the next year, they might find a place that fully meets their needs and can accommodate their future needs.

ChildServe: ChildServe is a not for profit organization that partners with families to help children with special health care needs live a great life. Zion is proud to offer our space for ChildServe's yearly Summer Camp. We look forward to our third year of collaboration in 2012. For more information about this organization visit: www.childserve.org

Iowa Workforce Development: In the fall of 2011, Zion is on board to host an ICAP, that is, an "Iowa Career Access Point." What is an ICAP? It is: *A faith-based or community organization, where people can go in their own neighborhoods or communities to look for jobs, assisted by trained individuals who connect them to the One-Stop system via computer and direct referrals.* In other words, we are looking forward to having IWD train some of our volunteers and provide us a State computer that will assist us in helping people in our community find work. Stay tuned for more details!

Polk County Emergency Management: Zion is pleased to be an emergency shelter for Polk County. In the event of a disaster, affected people will be able to stay at Zion. We sought out this relationship with our county and invited other churches to join us in this endeavor. Our belief is that whenever disaster strikes, the church should be a place of refuge.

Mission @ Zion:

The best and easiest way to get involved at Zion is through service. To find out more about how to get involved, please contact us or pick up our MISSION brochure at the info desk or online.

- Every school day, Zion volunteers drive students to and from school at the schools request.
- Twice a week, on Sundays and Wednesdays, we provide worship opportunities to help people get faith or grow in their faith.
- Once a week, we tutor children whose first language isn't English, and teach them about Jesus.
- Once a month, we bring lunch and supplies and prayer teams and do an outreach to those who live on the street and hang out with the gang at Reggie's Place.
- Every month, furniture and clothing is provided to refugees and other needy people in our area.
- Four times a year we convert our building into a shelter for homeless families through Invited Inn.
- Three times a year we bring smiles and a taco dinner to hungry families at Children and Families Urban Ministry.
- Every year we try to share the Gospel and help in Dominican Republic.
- Every Christmas we supply needy families with in our community with baskets of food and presents.
- Each Weekend we send food home for 24 local school kids.

Get Connected Now!

At Zion we know that the very best way for you to get connected to the church and make life-long friends and experience all that church is supposed to be is for you to get involved in serving. Others focus on fellowship, we choose to focus on doing the the will of God together. It is really easy to get involved. Here's how:

- simply ask any of the staff.
- send an e-mail to info@ziondsm.org, saying what you're interested in.
- hit the feedback button on the website and leave your contact info.
- use Facebook or Twitter.

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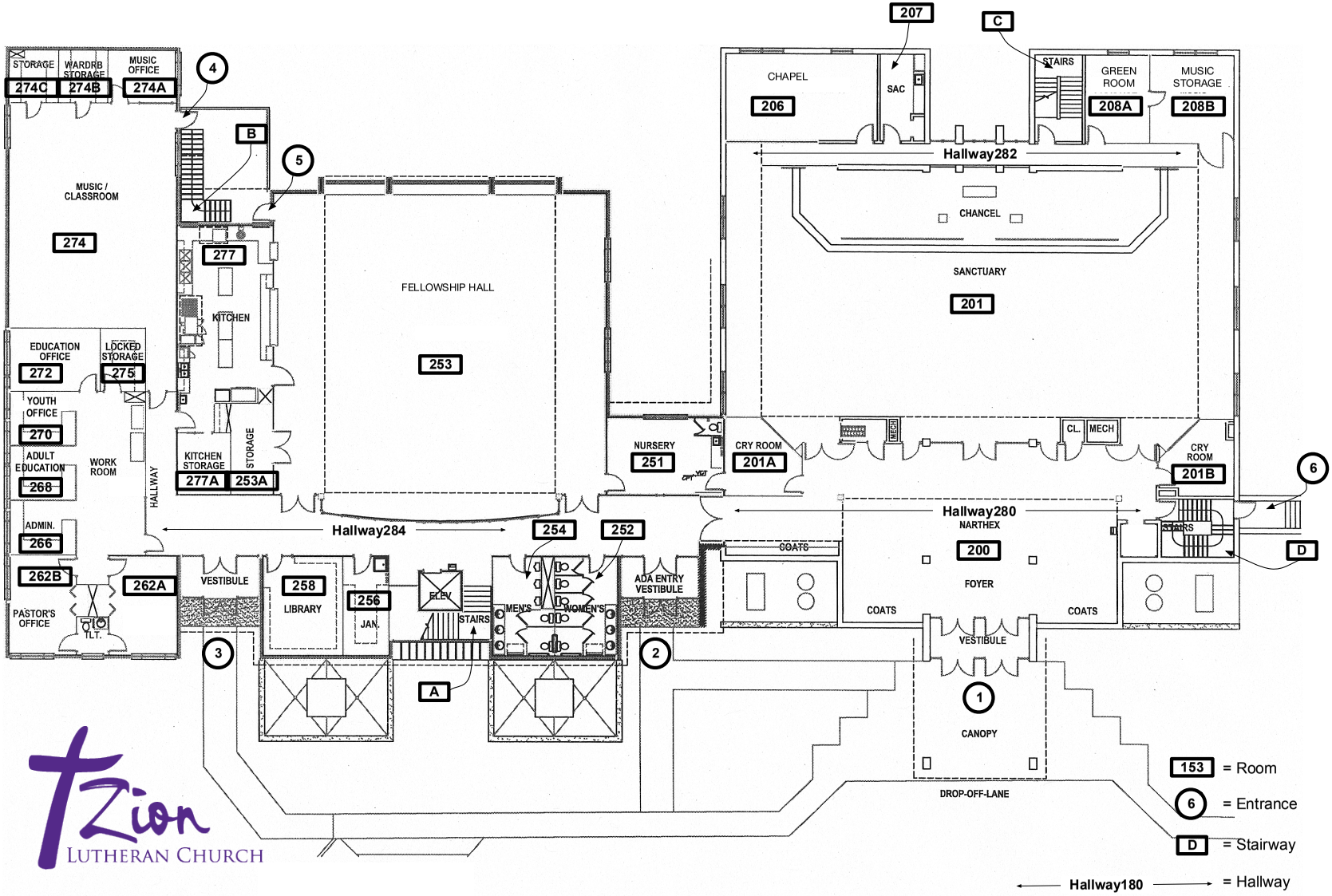

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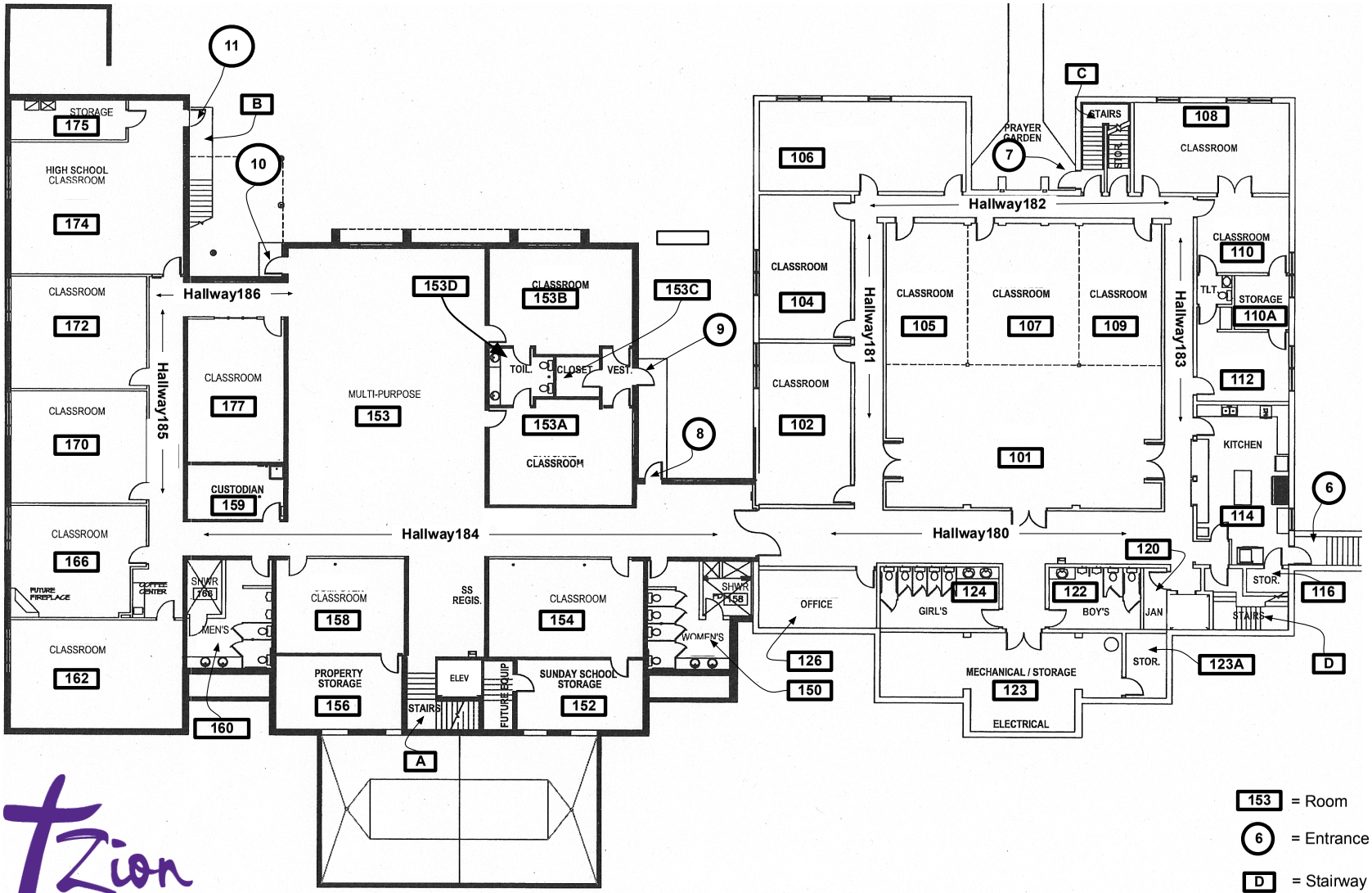

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