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MISSION STATEMENT:

We invite our neighbors to come to the Lord's table to join us in building up the body of Christ.

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If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God we welcome all.

We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and attitudes within the Church that assure access to Word and Sacrament regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age or race.

We are a Reconciling in Christ community.

All are welcome.



The Herald

A Word from the Pastor...

It is the morning after my high school baseball team's tournament 1-0 loss to our archrivals. I cannot bear to take off my uniform for the last time. We were ranked #1 in the state but our championship hopes were eliminated.

It is the hope for refugee resettlement and humane immigration reform, now dashed with executive orders. It is the emergency waiting room, after an unsuccessful tracheotomy. It is the funeral service in our sanctuary, when we again pray: "Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant ..."

This is the place where Cleopas and his companion find themselves on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). They are lost, defeated. Emmaus is the place where we find sighs too deep for words. It is the place in our spiritual journey when the wind empties from our sails and scripture feels like a distant memory.

"We had hoped that he would be the one to redeem Israel," they said. *We had hoped.* Can there be any sadder words in scripture than those three? They poured out their hearts to the stranger beside them, the one they did not recognize. If "we had hoped" are three great words of sadness, "stay with us," are three words brimming with hospitality. Even on this road of deep disappointment, they still had room for grace.

Then an amazing thing happened when they were at table with him. The stranger took some bread, blessed, broke and gave it to them. And then, their eyes were opened. Jesus is risen. The empty tomb, the angels, the women --- it is all true, after all.

I find comfort in the Emmaus Gospel. Jesus does not leave the disciples on their own, blind to his resurrection presence. Because of their tears and lost hope, they cannot go looking for him, so Jesus finds them. He walks with them and takes a place at their table, though they do not recognize him.

Isn't this what we are about as church? Isn't this the way God enters our lives? It is in the ordinary taking, blessing, breaking and giving that the eyes of our hearts are opened.

Christ is risen!

Pastor Steve

WORSHIP TIMES :

8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE 2017

For the month of March, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year amounted to \$37,570, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$34,420. This is 109% of the amount needed to balance our budget for the month. Year-to-date, we received \$88,043, or 79% of the funds needed to balance our annual budget.

For the Organ Capital campaign, we have pledges for \$53,015 (of \$220,000 total including the original proposal plus a 10% tithe.) We currently have received \$87,858, including \$2,250 donated in February. Of this amount, we have already committed \$20,000 to start work.

For the full year of 2016, our income was 5% less than budgeted, and our spending was 5% less.

Yours in Christ,
Fred Strohacker,
Church Council Treasurer



View from the Pew

It is a natural, human wish for any of us to hope that we become noticeable in our absence. That's the best way I can describe the loss of Hal Sinn. Having died April 7, he left a big void in the congregation.

Hal brought brightness to Zion, and the building just seems darker to me these days. His absence hits home for all of us, simply because he was always there. While we count the total attendance each week, nobody keeps individual records. Yet I would guess that Hal was in church more than 52 days a year, counting multiple services around Christmas and Easter.

His faithful attendance was such that when he stayed home from the April 2 service, it became apparent to all of us that his condition was grave. That's a high standard, to miss church only when you're dying. This part is not a contest, but I'm sure there never has been a more beloved figure at Zion than Harold R. Sinn. I think about so many people who were devoted to him, too many to name, except to say that his little friends Sophie and Sydney should be proud to know that they made someone else's life better through their actions.

As I once promised, when Hal no longer was able to usher, I would resign as the person in charge of scheduling. So I'm done with that job after 29 years. I will continue to usher regularly, but I can tell you that sitting back there on Sundays will never be the same.



~Kurt Kragthorpe

CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR MAY:

We now accept donations to our Emergency Food Pantry online! You can purchase any of the items, or make a monetary donation. Go to crossroadsurbancenter.org.

Baby formula and diapers are always in high demand.

Food Pantry: Cereal

Thrift Store: Blankets

WIFI PASSWORD: Zion5822321



Library Corner

The following books have been added to the adult section:
"Hearts of Fire" by The Voice of the Martyrs; "David, A Man of Passion & Destiny" by Charles R. Swindoll.

Children's section: "The Book of Jonah" by Peter Spier; "While You Were Sleeping" by John Butler; "Hop Jump" by Ellen Stoll Walsh.

The Library Guild usually meets on **Tuesdays at 10:30 am** in the library. Come and be a part of this Small Group. We welcome any religious and children's books donated to the church library. When donating, please drop your books into the wooden drop box with a note. Please donate your fiction books to the public library. Thank you!

REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR OVERDUE BOOKS!

Parents: Please assist your children when checking out the library books by making sure a full name is written on the check out card. Also, remind your children to be respectful of the church library books!

In Memoriam

Harold Ralph Sinn

April 30, 1936—April 7, 2017

In my last extended conversation with Hal, I asked, “What gives you joy?” He was quick to respond: “Smiles and church.”

Yes, Hal was all about smiles. He turned them into his life’s work, cajoling and charming students for school pictures. Hal’s smile was winsome and contagious, especially when he brought a smile to your face with one of his witticisms. Sometimes his usher responsibilities would require attendance at two worship services in the same day. “That’s okay with me,” he would say. “Sometimes you just need to take Communion twice.” Never mind that his charm could move into playful flirtation. (Ask my wife about his observation whenever “the Reverend’s wife wears those red high heels to church.”) Whatever he did or said, Hal just had a way of making us smile.

Church. Church gave Hal joy. Church was a way of life for Hal. It was all about worship shared in the sanctuary and in the narthex. And, church was all about you. Hal cherished and relished his relationship with you. With Hal we have learned to share our joys and, when one of us is in sorrow, we all taste the salt of our tears. Thank you to all who extended special care with Hal, whether bringing him to church, sharing prayers or cards, taking him to lunch, or sharing extended visits. In other words, thank you for being church.

Our conversation was on April 3, the day after Hal missed his first worship service in years. Because of his failing health, our visit was in St. Joseph Villa. And this was the amazing thing about our conversation. Even while in hospice care, Hal *apologized* for missing church and promised to be in attendance the next Sunday. With Hal, it is the end of an era, when worship was a joyful duty and a holy habit. It is also the end of a mainstay in our congregational life. The narthex feels empty these days.

Thank you, Hal, for smiles and for being church. For many of us, our loss is deep. You were usher and greeter, coach and softball teammate, storyteller and community builder, friend and brother in our family of faith. We shared abundant fellowship in picnics and potlucks; enjoyed plenty of beer and fellowship following softball games (see Psalm 133); and discovered the abundant joy of life lived with a piece of bread and a sip of wine each Sunday.

Even through our tears of sorrow, we give thanks to God who promises the benediction: “The Lord smile on you and give you peace.” And we give thanks to God who welcomes another of his sinner/saints into Christ’s resurrection embrace. May we, inspired by your witness, “Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us, to the glory of God.” — Pr. Steve Klemz

Bruce Arthur Sigvardt

January 17, 1926—April 14, 2017

It has been some time since Bruce was able to join us on Sundays at Zion. But being homebound did not mean that he was not in corporate worship. Nettie and Doris were faithful visitors, bringing Eucharist bread and wine, friendship and song. “You have brought the Lord into this house!” said Bruce. Then they would move into a rousing rendition of his favorite hymn, “Jesus Loves Me.”

“...they are weak but he is strong.” In my visits with Bruce and Dorothy, we often took our weakness into Jesus’ promise, remembering how he prepares a place for us. To be sure, that place includes our heavenly home, but it also embraces the broken hearts and broken bodies we experience along the way in our journey of faith. In our weakness we receive the Spirit’s strength. This was Bruce’s way of life, lived not only for himself, but in the ways he reached out to others in their weakness.

The family prepared a place to intern Dorothy’s ashes, in Montana on the first weekend in May. We are not surprised that these plans are modified, since Bruce will join his bride of 63 years, under big sky grace in Montana.

“I go to prepare a place for you....the Father and I will come and make our home with them. Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.” (from John 14)

DIFFERENT BREWS + DIFFERENT VIEWS

PUB
THEOLOGY

FAITH + HOPE + LOVE + BEER

21+ Join us in good conversation about God + Love + Faith

7:00 PM + Thursday, May 11th + Fiddler's Elbow



Summer Worship Schedule: Zion will switch to one worship at 10:00 AM each Sunday for the summer months: June, July and August. We will revert back to two services the first Sunday in September; 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM.

Retirement:

Dear Friends, For 8 1/2 years, I have had the privilege of loving and playing with your children on Sunday mornings in the Nursery. It has been a fun and rewarding job, BUT the time has come for someone else to hand out the color sheets, Fruit Loops and hugs.

Once again, I will be Retiring from a beloved and awesome job at Zion when I move to St. George in June.

Thank you, Cody! You have been the best helper ever, the children and I love you lots!

Thank you Pastor Steve, Tracy, Lisa, and all the staff for your support and friendship. I will really miss our time together here at Zion, and may God bless each and everyone of you!

Love & Many Hugs, Miss Lorna (Burnett)



End of an Era: This will be the first time in over 70 years that there won't be a member of the Burnett family in attendance at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church!

Sunday School News—May!

Zion Sunday school is very blessed to have great teachers, students, and families participating. We ask for your continued prayers for all.

On April 9th, we celebrated Palm Sunday with the whole congregation at the 10:30 worship. Thank you for all the hard work from the students and special thanks to Susan for arranging such a beautiful contribution to start Holy Week.

Upcoming needs for Sunday school:

We need families to volunteer to help with the end of year Teacher Appreciation Brunch on May 21st. Duties that will be broken up and divided include: Setup and decorate tables, organizing food donation or purchase, purchasing teacher gifts, someone to emcee the event, and cleanup. It will be great to make sure all of the Sunday school staff can enjoy the brunch without being responsible for the above activities.

It may seem too early to think about the 2017-2018 Sunday school year, but it is not! We really need some people to step up and volunteer as teachers and helpers. New teachers will be paired with existing ones to learn the ropes. It would be great for our current teachers to be able to share classes weekly so that the responsibility does not fall to one person. Class helpers have an easy and rewarding job that takes no preparation or experience. You simply need to attend Sunday school and help the teacher. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry by volunteering your time. Our students are great and it's really fun and rewarding!

Upcoming dates to note:

May 7th- Bible Presentation to 2nd and 3rd graders at 10:30 worship. Children's Choir, all 1st-3rd graders, will sing at worship with Bibles being presented.

May 14th – Cherub Choir, Pre-K students, will sing at 10:30 worship. You won't want to miss Zion's youngest choir.

May 21st – Teacher Appreciation Bunch and last day of Sunday school.

June 4th – Joyful NOIZ will perform at **10:00 AM** Pentecost worship.



Women's Small Group, Alyce Gross - Shepherd

Meets the first and third Mondays at 7PM in various homes. The current study is: "Grounded" by Diana Butler-Bass for our discussion. Contact Alyce at ad-gross1@msn.com. All are welcome.

Sunday Lectionary Bible Study An open forum on the lessons of the day, with a focus on the Gospel, will be held in the lounge from 9:15--10:15 am. Whether there is a leader or not, discussing scripture is one way to help it become the living word.

Sunday Adult Bible Study For May—All are welcome. No prior knowledge of scripture is needed. Pastor Steve leads the discussion in the atrium, 9:15-10:15 AM. The class explores the place of "the stranger" in scripture, including discussion about Jesus as resident alien and border crosser.

Thursday Bible study—2nd & 4th Thursday in May (schedule change); *Exploring the L Word*. We begin at 11:00 AM in the church library. All are welcome.

Yoga with Julie—Mondays at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the terrace room. This is a free class for anyone interested in joining.

Zion Annual Camping Weekend Save the date: Everyone is invited to join the Annual Zion Camping Weekend! This year we have reservations at the Bear Canyon campground, on the Mt. Nebo loop from Friday night 7/21 through Sunday morning 7/23. Come for both nights, just one, or just for the fantastic camping pot luck dinner on Saturday evening. It's about an hour and a half drive from church. Contact Jon Hall for additional details at jhh87@gmail.com.

Join us for
**"Zion at the Zoo" on
Sunday, June 11**

following our 10:00 AM worship. Bring a picnic to enjoy in the company of your friends from Zion and then spend a roaringly fun afternoon exploring Hogle Zoo! Let us know if you will be joining us by signing up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact Sophie or Tanya Foster at (307)679-4885.



Zion Council: The new leaders on Zion's council will address significant and meaningful topics during its tenure.

We begin our meetings reflecting on how God is calling us to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ and how we are leading our congregation to fully embody our church mission in this community.

A major campaign is being developed with Stewardship for All Seasons.

The council will lead the way in addressing building improvements.

As a council we will search for more opportunities to embrace community outreach.

The council will explore new ways to connect more people with the business and work of the church. This may include modifying the frequency and structure of meetings.

We encourage all leaders to prayerfully consider their participation with the council. The executive council needs a **President** and a **Treasurer**. The Treasurer does not need accounting experience. Familiarity with Excel spreadsheets and numbers is recommended.

Please pray for our congregation. Please pray for the Spirit to raise up leaders. Please talk with us if you are available for this opportunity and/or desire further information.

Pr. Steve Klemz and Erin Basta, Congregation President

Coffee Hour Help Needed Hosting a Coffee Hour is a super way to get to know your family of faith. Just have a plate of cookies and coffee. Zion provides the coffee, cream and sugar and you provide a treat. Not a baker? Worry not because store bought will work every single time. Don't have the time? Just put a donation in the offering plate and write "Coffee Hour" on it and Coffee Hour will be hosted in your name. Drop me an email Nettie.priet@hotmail.com with your cookie order. I look forward to hearing from you.

Connecting Through Grace—The Gift of Building and Grounds

In May, we give thanks for the good gift of our building and beautifully landscaped grounds and all who help with the upkeep.



Pentecost Sunday — June 4 If you are fluent and willing to share a prayer petition in another language on Pentecost Sunday, please contact Pastor Steve pastor@zelc.org.

Sermons: Please visit the church website to listen to any Sunday sermon anytime at www.zelc.org/sermons

Contact: Lisa Mensinger, Director of Youth Ministries at (814-360-6283) or email: youth@zelc.org

Easter Brunch

Thank you for your support and attendance at the Easter Brunch.



Graduates

Please let Lisa know if you have or know of someone graduating from college or trade school. We would like to recognize their accomplishment on June 11.

ELCA World Hunger

Thank you to all who came to dye eggs on April 15. We raised \$55 for World Hunger.

HS Youth Trip—Summer 2017



July 2-8, 2017

Please keep in your prayers the youth who will be going this summer to Pacific Grove, CA. Jenna Nelson, Luke & Cody Reuschel, Ben and Thomas Wenzel, Lauren Furst, Catelyn Rude, Mandy Widner, Lydia Lee, & Micheala "Dr. Quinn" Purdin, Luke Widner & Lisa Mensinger.

Yard Sale

Saturday, June 10
7:30 am

Congregational Yard Sale

Got stuff? Need to get rid of stuff?

We will be having a Yard Sale to help raise funds for the ELCA Youth Gathering 2018 & other activities.

If you don't have stuff, and want to help for 1 hour selling items, please email or see Lisa.

Save the Dates

May 21, 2017

New Drivers Recognition Sunday

June 11, 2017

Graduate Recognition Sunday

May, 2017



at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

10:30 am:
 May 7
 May 14 Jane Erdahl
 May 21
 May 28

Ushers:

Alan Erdahl, Bob Hackworth,
 Warrant Patten, Art Sutherland

Altar Guild:

May 7 Marci Hall + Bruce & Lois Stewart
 May 14 Jan Heins + Marsha Gilford
 May 21 Ann Marie Mogren + Denny Gross
 May 28 Steve & Marie Newton + Holly Graham

Greeters:

May 7
 May 14 John & Jessie Bailey
 May 21
 May 28

Counters:

Week of:

May 7 Angie & Ann Marie
 May 14 Bob & Sandra
 May 21 Jane & Ann Marie
 May 28 Angie & Diane

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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“God has gone up with a shout.”

Psalm 47:5

Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly—May 4-7, 2017

****CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JUNE 4TH after the 10 AM worship.**

Pastor Steve will be out of town May 15-19 for continuing education.

	1 9 Yoga exercise class	2 10:30 Library work	3 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga exercise class 10 UT Conference Mtg 11:40 LMS Chapel David organ work all day	4	5 9 Yoga exercise class	6
5 pm Worship Plan Mtg 7-8:30 Yoga w/Julie	6:30-9 Ger/Am Chorus	6:30-8:30 Meditation Gr				
7 8:15 Awakening Worship 9:15 Education Hr 10:30 Worship, bible presentations 2nd gr Children's Choir	8 9 Yoga exercise class	9 10:30 Library work 11:40 LMS Chapel	10 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga exercise class David organ work all day	11 11 Adult bible study	12 9 Yoga exercise class	13 9-10am Pastor Steve w/ Cub Scouts
6:30 Cong Council Mtg 7-8:30 Yoga w/Julie	6:30-9 Ger/Am Chorus	7 Pub Theology @ Fiddler's Elbow 7 LMS Board Mtg 6:30-8:30 Meditation gr		5-9 Ger/Am Chorus dress rehearsal	7:30pm German/ American Chorus Spring Concert	
MOTHER'S DAY 14 8:15 Awakening Worship 9:15 Education Hr 10:30 Worship Cherub Choir	15 9 Yoga exercise class	16 10:30 Library work	17 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga exercise class David organ work all day 11 Lydia Circle 11:40 LMS Chapel	18 4-6 Girl Scouts Mtg	19 9 Yoga exercise group	20
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7-8:30 Yoga w/Julie	7 Piano Recitals 6:30-9 Ger/Am Chorus	6:30 Violin Recitals	6:30 Violin Recitals	6:30 Violin Recitals 6:30-8:30 Meditation gr		
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			6 David organ work			



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Every spring we continue what has become tradition at Let Me Shine. The children learn about new life as we watch caterpillars turn into butterflies! It's an exciting couple of weeks watching this process, releasing the butterflies outside and watching them fly away. We continue in Easter celebration and thank Jesus for His death and resurrection and the "new life" we have in Him!

It also reminds me of the children here that I've watched grow and change throughout the year; and who are now ready to graduate to the next grade. It is a privilege and a blessing to serve them.

Thank you, Zion, for providing such a loving environment for our school children. I pray you have a safe and enjoyable summer as we prepare for next fall. As always, my door is open. I invite you all to share your thoughts, concerns and affirmations with me.

God's Peace,

Barb Ballif, Director



In Our Prayers: Christ's gracious presence with Carol Thompson; strength for Alane Boyd, Rod Schroeder, Lacy Foulks, Cindy Haverkost, Alice Schroeder, Mark Brown, Dorothy Nielsen; peace with Paul Krehbiel, Kent, Bryce and Christian, our brothers in Christ in the prison. Pray for our community of faith in Zion and new life for those in addiction. For all in troubled marriages. For all in mental distress & their caregivers. For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry. For health and safekeeping for Heidi Helstad and all mothers with child. For all families vulnerable to detention or deportation. We ask the Spirit to raise up congregational council leaders for the coming year.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - APRIL, 2017

- Council members, and selected church members, had previously submitted responses requested by SAS for an upcoming meeting regarding identifying: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. Answers were discussed and prioritized. Some of the top answers were: Strengths: Music, Staff, LMS. Weaknesses: Attendance, Membership, Financial Stewardship. Opportunities: U of U Connection, Community Outreach, RIC. Threats: Role of Church in Popular Culture, and the possible transition to a new pastor.
- Also requested by SAS: list the 3 greatest accomplishments by ZELC in the last 10 years. Council discussed and voted on: Developing a welcoming statement as a RIC congregation, continued growth of the music program, and outstanding staff. List the 3 greatest accomplishments from 1996-2006. Council discussed and voted on: the building expansion, LMS, and the development of the children's music and choir program by Susan.
- The nursery caregiver and helper have both given their notice and will need to be replaced.

2017-2018 ZELC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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 Building Admin. Team Leader, Michael Chard**