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MISSION STATEMENT:

Connecting through Grace

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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.



WORSHIP BEGINS:

10:00 AM

The Herald

A Word from the Pastor...

“Connecting through grace” --- the new mission statement, adopted at Zion’s semi-annual meeting.

Here’s some thoughts....

Connecting through grace --- that moment when:

you look deep into the cup where love is poured, and receive as if for the first time, Christ’s forgiveness that is “for you.”

when your child re-tells the Bible story she learned in Sunday School.

when your sister or brother in Christ reminds you, “I am praying for you.”

when parents thank you for being a part of the Zion team that prepares and serves evening meal in the Ronald McDonald room at Primary Children’s Hospital, and you humbly but graciously respond, “we are just being neighbor, joining with those who offer healing and hope.”

when you are graced in conversation with a new acquaintance during coffee hour, and find yourself doubly blessed because Verna’s chocolate chip cookies are being served.

when the choirs (chancel/children’s/cherub/ZYJam/Joyful NOIZ), organist, hymns move you to heartfelt praise and thanksgiving.

when you hear the preschool student tell her parent, “Let Me Shine is where I go to learn about Jesus.”

when the wet grace of water is poured out in baptism, and you find yourself connected within the promise: “neither heights nor depths, nor principalities or powers, nor anything in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God.”

when you realize that your offerings are a partnership for ordained ministry with Lisa and Juan, while imagining the lives that will be changed through their proclamation of the Gospel.

when you see the wide-eyed excitement of children during the children’s message.

What are your moments, connecting through grace?

In and through Christ,
Pastor Steve

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE 2017

For the month of May, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year amounted to \$35,963, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$34,400. This is 105% of the amount needed to balance our budget for the month. Year-to-date, you have given \$173,235, or 92% 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 \$90,870, including \$260 donated in May. Of this amount, we have already committed \$20,000 to start work.

Yours in Christ,
Leslie Miller,
Church Council Treasurer



View from the Pew

Amid the thrills of riding the Colorado River in southeastern Utah, Sandra Kragthorpe was disappointed when our rafting guide didn't take us through one of the advertised rapids: "Satan's Gut."

Something about risking death made him steer us away from that geographical feature. In any case, that got me thinking about some other places with descriptions of the devil's anatomy, including a sand trap on a famous golf course in New Jersey with a name I can't even mention.

The episode also made me conclude that we probably don't talk enough about the devil's influence in our lives. It was a big subject in Biblical times, that's for sure. All of the Gospels and most of the epistles in the New Testament offer strong warnings about resisting the devil and recognizing the hazard of losing our focus on God.

James 4:7 – "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

1 Peter 5:8-9 – "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."

That's good imagery. Actually, the depiction of the devil in our era may be part of the problem. When our picture is of a college mascot (a Blue Devil or a Sun Devil), maybe it is difficult for us to take Satan's potential influence as seriously as the New Testament writers did. But we should do so, with exponentially more ways for the devil to infiltrate our minds now than in those days.

~Kurt Kragthorpe



CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR JULY:

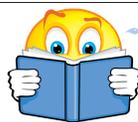
We now accept donations to our Emergency Food Pantry online! You can purchase any of the items, or make a monetary donation. Go to crossroadsurbancenter.org.

Baby formula and diapers are always in high demand.

Food Pantry: Snacks, small drinks, canned pasta

Thrift Store: Towels

WIFI PASSWORD: Zion5822321

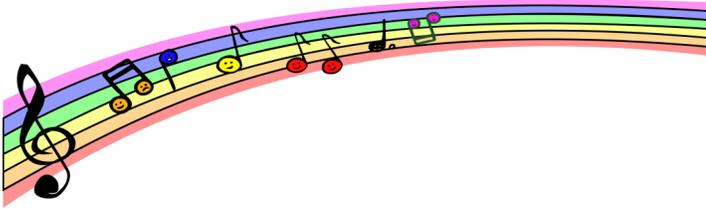


Library Corner

The Library Guild usually meets on **Tuesdays at 10:30 am** in the library; no work days in July or August. 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!



Special Music for the summer—If you would like to contribute to our worship experience by playing or singing any Sunday this summer, please contact Dianne Krehbiel: diannekrehbiel@gmail.com.

VBS Music Camp—August 7-11, 2017: Registration forms are available by the church office and the church website: www.zelc.org. Tell your friends and neighbors! This year the focus will be “Disciples”; for children who have finished Kindergarten through 6th grade. A fun time guaranteed for all participants and volunteers! Many volunteers are needed that week, please contact Susan Swidnicki (sljswidnicki@gmail.com) for the details.

The 16th annual Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled Sunday, Sept. 17, at Stansbury Park Golf Course.



Supporting scholarships for Zion's annual Vacation Bible School Music Camp is the new purpose of the tournament, serving as an outreach of the congregation. Each year, several students who otherwise would not have such an opportunity benefit from the VBS experience, and the funds generated from the tournament will help perpetuate that mission.

The tournament has provided fun and fellowship for Zion members and friends over the years. We welcome foursomes, couples and individuals of all ages who can be paired with other golfers in the scramble format that accommodates players of all abilities.

Tee times will begin at 1 p.m. and the cost (\$50) includes 18 holes of golf with carts and refreshments. The registration deadline is Sept. 3. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the coming weeks and please consider joining us this year.
— Kurt Kragthorpe

Men’s Bible Study-meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God’s Word! We are currently studying the lesser known books of the bible.

We are hosting a **“Conversation About Refugees in our Community”**, including a light lunch on **Sunday July 9th** following the service at **Noon**. Subject matter experts will be in attendance as we explore the experience and needs of the refugee community in Salt Lake City.



2017 Greater Zion Day Picnic

Sunday, July 16th
11:30 am to 2:00 pm
Sugar House Park
Pot Luck!

Join in the fun
Celebrate the founding of
Zion Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Salt Lake City in
1882!

We celebrate the founding of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Salt Lake City each summer. This year, we celebrate our 135th anniversary! The Church was founded on July 18, 1882, by five pioneer individuals who worshipped originally in a sod house in downtown Salt Lake City. Today we celebrate and remember those faithful who have gone before us as Zion Evangelical Lutherans in this valley for 135 years. Zion is the fifth oldest Lutheran church in the western United States and the oldest in Utah. For over 75 years, Zion's people have recognized this founders' day, each year, as Greater Zion Day, with a picnic in the out of doors. The significance of the "greater" in Greater Zion Day is that in the early days Zion had branch congregations in places like Sandy, Eureka and Park City, the founders' day was the one day that the "greater" community got together from the branches and the main church to celebrate Zion's birthday. We continue that tradition today. Welcome, and **all are invited to the GZD picnic in Sugarhouse Park following worship on July 16th.**

Help needed: grilling, lead/helping with kids games, judging the watermelon eating contest, and of course, clean up! Contact Terri if you are available: t1bmf1@gmail.com.



October 6-7, 2017

Early Bird Registration is Open

REGISTER NOW

"God and Human Suffering: Conversations on 21st Century Genetics and Our Shared Future"

A Faith and Science Workshop on
Ethical Issues in Human Germ-line Editing

What is our shared mission as people of science, ethics, and faith? What is the role of recent dialogue regarding germ-line editing of human embryos and in the development of regulations that both promote the alleviation of suffering, and protect the inherent diversity of our planet?

Join with clergy, theologians, scientists and bioethicists for presentations and conversations in Salt Lake City next October as we engage in a multi-disciplinary exploration of these and other questions facing us today. Keynote speakers include: **R. Alta Charo, JD**, University of Wisconsin; **David Grunwald, PhD**, University of Utah; **Ted Peters, PhD**, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA; and the **Very Rev. Mark Richardson, PhD**, the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and Graduate Theological Union; **C. Matthew Peterson, MD**, University of Utah, **Janet L. Williams, MD**, LGC, Geisinger Health System, Danville, PA, **Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, PhD**, Arizona State University.

Sponsored by the University of Utah: Department of Pediatrics, Division of Medical Genetics, and UCEER Center for Excellence in ELSI (Ethical, Legal, Social Implications); the Rocky Mountain Synod and its Utah Conference of the ELCA, Mount Tabor Lutheran Church of Salt Lake; and the Episcopal Diocese of Utah

<http://godandhumanogenetics-slc2017.org>

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.

Yoga with Julie—Mondays at 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the terrace room. All are welcome. There is no fee.

Zion Annual Camping Weekend 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.

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

Summer Coffee Hours:

While having an amazing summer, please prayerfully consider hosting a Coffee Hour. Cookies, coffee cake or fruit are always a winner. Remember, Zion provides the coffee and you provide the treats. You can also drop a donation in the offering plate and mark it "Coffee Hour" and we will host for you. Thanks and have an awesome summer! Please contact Nettie Priet Nettie.priet@hotmail.com with questions.



In Memoriam

Dr. Robert C Steensma

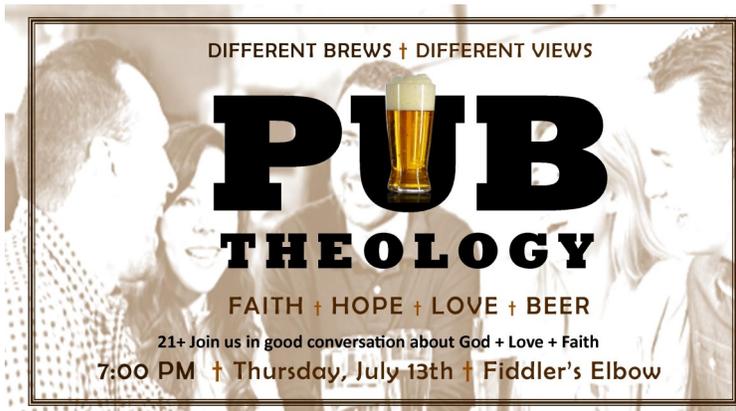
November 24, 1930—June 8, 2017

Dr. Robert C. Steensma, was a man of his word. A retired Navy captain, he was true to his word of love and service to country. Professor emeritus of English, he was a wordsmith, an author with an abiding devotion to Wallace Stegner. He was a man true to his passion with the Utes, enjoying words of encouragement and support through the Crimson Club. He was the consummate teacher, crafting words to move students into a greater appreciation of academia. In Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, he is remembered as one who was faithful to the Word, Jesus Christ, full of grace and truth, worthy of our worship.

Bob loved the Word in worship, critiquing streamlined services, advocating for the full reading of all scripture lessons and formal liturgy. For Bob, worship was his habit – a place where he made his home. We give thanks to God for the Word made flesh, that dwells with Bob in his living and now in his death, trusting in the Word of Life, Jesus Christ, “the light that shines in the darkness that the darkness shall not overcome.”

World Health Organization (WHO) figures reflect that we share this planet with some 1.8 billion others who have no clean water to drink. The consumption of such unsafe water contributes to the deaths of more than 800,000 people each year. WHO reports that 45% of those deaths are children less than 5 years of age. Beyond these appalling health and mortality impacts, the lack of adequate sources of clean drinking water means that people spend great amounts of time that they could use for working, studying and improving their lives locating and hauling the water they need each day. Children sickened by contaminated water have more absences from school and are impaired in their educational progress.

Your contributions to ELCA World Hunger support efforts in more than 60 different countries. Many of these projects help provide clean water for drinking, sanitation, hygiene and agriculture to those in need both abroad and in the United States. Whether we go as the whole church or as individual disciples, we go with the power and authority, and the commissioning of our Lord, one who binds himself so tightly to the ones who serve, and those in need, that it is as if we were one.



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

Yard Sale Update

Thank you so much for everyone who supported and helped out at the Zion Yard Sale
So far we raised \$2,014 + towards National Youth Gathering next year 2018.



Where TUE or three are Gathered

Movie Night at Megaplex in South Jordan
Tuesday, July 18 = Spider-Man: Homecoming
R.S.V.P. by Sunday, July 16

HS Youth Trip—Summer 2017

July 2-8, 2017

Please keep in your prayers the youth who are going this summer to Pacific

Grove, CA. Jenna Nelson, Luke & Cody Reuschel, Ben and Thomas Wenzel, Catelyn Rude, Mandy Widner, Lydia Lee, Micheala "Dr. Quinn" Purdin, Luke Widner & Lisa Mensinger.& Louise Nelson.



July, 2017



at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

- 10:00 am:**
 July 2 Jon Hall
 July 9 Denny Gross
 July 16 Rachel Kibler
 July 23
 July 30

Ushers:

Volunteers needed

Altar Guild:

- July 2 Ann Marie Mogren
 Bruce & Lois Stewart
 July 9 Marci Hall
 Denny Gross
 July 16 Carrie Hinderaker
 Marsha Gilford
 July 23 Jan Heins
 Holly Graham
 July 30 Jan Heins
 Bruce & Lois Stewart

Greeters:

- July 2
 July 9
 July 16
 July 23
 July 30

Counters:

Week of:

- July 2 Diane & Jan
 July 9 Angie & Paula
 July 16 Paul & Warren
 July 23 Ron & Marci
 July 30 Angie & Diane

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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“Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.”

Psalm 86:11

Vacation time: Pastor Steve will be on vacation July 27 thru August 3.
 Contact the church office for any pastoral emergencies.
 Lisa Mensinger will be on vacation July 23 thru July 30.

						1 Youth Mission Trip Blue Theology, Pacific Grove, CA
2 10:00 AM Worship Baptism Penelope Rose Woodall	OFFICES CLOSED 9 Yoga-based exercise	3 OFFICES CLOSED	4  CA Youth overnight at ZELC	5 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 9 Staff Mtg	6	7 9 Yoga-based exercise
	7:30 Yoga w/Julie			6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group		8 Youth return
9 10:00 AM Worship Noon—Conversation about Refugees in our Community	9 Yoga-based exercise 7:30 Yoga w/Julie	10	11 7 Compassionate Friends YDT overnight	12 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 9 Staff mtg	13	14 9 Yoga-based exercise
				6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group		15 SD Youth overnight
16 10:00 AM Worship GREATER ZION DAY PICNIC—Sugarhouse Park after worship	9 Yoga-based exercise 7:30 Yoga w/Julie	17	18 Youth-Movie Night @ South Jordan Megaplex	19 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 9 Staff mtg 11 am June King Memo- rial w/luncheon	20	21 OFFICES CLOSED 9 Yoga-based exercise
				7 LMS Board of Trustees 6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group		22 
23 10:00 AM Worship Guest Preacher, Pastor John Sandstrom SD Youth overnight	OFFICES CLOSED 9 Yoga-based exercise	24	25	26 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 9 Staff mtg	27	28 OFFICES CLOSED 9 Yoga-based exercise
				6:30-8:30 pm Meditation Group		29
30 10:00 AM Worship Guest Preacher, Pastor John Sandstrom	9 Yoga-based exercise VBS Music Camp final deadline 7:30 Yoga w/Julie	31				



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Some fun facts about ZELC's biggest outreach, Let Me Shine! Christian Playschool and Preschool:



Did you know that Let Me Shine is in it's 16th year?

Did you know Let Me Shine has an enrollment of 112 students and a waiting list of 57 hopeful preschoolers?

Did you know Let Me Shine has never advertised in print; word is spread through our community all by word of mouth?

Did you know our Let Me Shine staff consists of 16 teachers and aides?

Did you know Let Me Shine has 10 staff members who have been with us for more than 3 years?

Did you know Let Me Shine will begin a program this fall that pairs up a ZELC member with a preschool class to serve as honorary classroom grandparent?

Did you know our preschool director, Barb Ballif, has an open door policy and you are welcome to visit anytime and see our outreach program in action.

In Our Prayers: Christ's strength for 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 Autumn Kieber-Emmons and all mothers with child.



From the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting 6-4-17:

- Motion was voted on and accepted to adopt the mission statement "Connecting Through Grace."
- Let Me Shine is 100 % full, with 112 spaces filled and 57 on the waiting list.
- 500th Anniversary of the Reformation will include an October 22 Hymn Sing at Zion, and an October 8 joint worship/prayer with Roman Catholics and the Utah Conference RMS.
- 2016 Budget Summary, Giving was 5% less than budgeted, but Zion under spent and income exceeded spending by \$298.
- Organist David Chamberlin's 30th anniversary with Zion will be this Fall, it is anticipated to hold a fund raising recital/concert for the organ fund.
- Pastor Steve announced ZELC's participation in AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities), including a 40 day scripture reading.
- Nominations were taken for vacant council positions. Election ballot included: Ann Marie Mogren for Worship & Music, Holly Graham for Faith Formation, Doug Graham for President and Leslie Miller for Treasurer. Voting commenced, with all in favor and none opposed.

From the 6-25-17 Council Meeting:

- Council welcomed special guest Evan Moilan, Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS) Consultant. Evan presented a brief overview of the SAS program and how it will relate to Zion's goals.
- Zion is still seeking a graphic artist to assist with the SAS program.
- Motion voted on and approved to accept as the new Executive Committee: Doug Graham as President, Marsha Gilford as Vice President, Leslie Miller as Treasurer, and Nicole Reese as Secretary.

2017-2018 ZELC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT, Doug Graham | VICE-PRESIDENT, Marsha Gilford | SECRETARY, Nicole Reese
 TREASURER, Leslie Miller**

Team Leaders: Holly Graham, Terri Moffitt, Michael Chard, Ann Marie Mogren, Michael Chard