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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, socioeconomic 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...

My wife calls it an errand. I call it a scavenger hunt. More times than not my trip to the grocery store is a challenge. I must look like a deer in headlights, wandering through the store with grocery list in hand, searching for quinoa, an item I can barely pronounce. And, what is the difference between flour and self-rising flour? What aisle has sundried tomatoes? Why isn't Fontinella cheese next to Colby Jack?

Thankfully, I have discovered a couple of stores, which are incredibly helpful. When I cannot find something and ask for help, the employee stops whatever he/she is doing to take me to the item I am looking for. Now I am Lutheran and I have lived in Minnesota, so I don't want to "be a bother" or intrude on their time. "Just tell me which aisle and I can find it on my own." But it doesn't matter. The employee walks me to the exact place to get the food I need.

I have noticed a pattern. This happens every time in these stores. David Lose, who has shared this experience, calls it "practiced hospitality." And it works. Not only do I return home with all that was on the list, I feel good about my shopping experience and will certainly come back to this store.

I wonder what our Sunday morning experience is like for newcomers and visitors. Wouldn't it be great if we engaged in "practiced hospitality?" What if everyone wore a nametag, which is a way of saying that we expect newcomers and visitors to be with us, who certainly do not know our names. What if we introduced ourselves to someone we do not know? So what if we discovered they are long-time members? We would know each other better because of the introduction. And, have you ever noticed how some newcomers end up sitting alone in a pew? What if we sat with them, asked if they needed any help or invited them to ask questions?

Practiced hospitality. I like the sound of it. I know how it works in certain grocery stores. I know it can work for us. I cannot think of a greater privilege than walking with a newcomer, down the aisle, to that exact place where we receive the Bread of Life.

In and through Christ,

Pastor Steve Klemz

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
10:00am Worship
Education Hour on break

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2014

For the month of June, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year, amounted to \$32,717, compared to our 5-week donation budget of \$35,670. This is 88% of the amount needed to balance our budget for this 5-week period. Year to date, our giving stands at \$185,175, including one-time gifts spread across the year. This represents 88% of the funds needed to balance our annual budget, to date.

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Fred Strohacker,
Church Council
Treasurer



View from the Pew:

During the first meeting with my Faith Formation student this summer, I decided to ease into the suggested material because the questions were too daunting.

For me, not him.

The experience made me realize that everything we say about Confirmation being just the beginning of our education and self-examination of faith, it is very easy to think of it as the end of the process. Yet all these years later, looking at these questions made me realize how faith is something that needs to be maintained and re-evaluated as we go along.

The questions I'm supposed to be asking are very good ones for me to be answering:

Why are you a Lutheran? What is the Holy Spirit to you? Why do you read the Bible?

And those are actually among the easier questions. It's already clear to me that I'll benefit from this exercise. I'm reminded of a tag line from the introduction to the old "Fat Albert" cartoon: "If you're not careful, you might learn something ..."

Yes, that's going to be unavoidable. Thinking about these subjects will be healthy, and I hope it will bring an element of discipline to my Monday-through-Saturday existence.

~Kurt Kragthorpe



CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR AUGUST:

FOOD OF THE MONTH: Canned pasta; also fresh fruits and vegetables during the summer months!

THRIFT STORE NEEDS: Back to school clothing.

Library Corner: The following books have been generously donated to the library:

"Jesus and His Times" by Readers Digest; "Where to Find it in The Bible" by Ken Anderson; "The Beginner's Bible, Zonderkidz; "Pope Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth" by Joseph Ratzinger.



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 child(ren) to be respectful of the church library books!

REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR OVERDUE BOOKS!

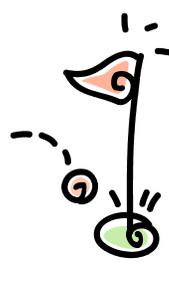
The Library Guild meets on **Tuesdays at 10:30am** in the library. Come and be a part of this Small Group. We welcome any religious and children's books donated to the church library. When donating, please drop your books into the wooden drop box with a note. Please donate your fiction books to the public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

WIFI PASSWORD: If you are anywhere in the church building and need to access the internet, you can do so as a Zion guest using the following password: **Zion5822321**

Interested in Golf?

Women, men & youth, beginners to advanced players, please join us on Sunday afternoons for a round of golf at local clubs. Play will be enjoyable for all levels of golfers. We will play 9 holes starting around 1 pm followed by a picnic in the park. Scheduled dates: **Aug 10 & Sept 14**. Bring a friend and RSVP to Lisa Mensinger (youth@zelc.org) by the Sunday before, so tee times can be scheduled.



 The 13th annual Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled Sunday, **Sept. 28** at Stansbury Park Golf Course.

While continuing to evaluate different dates, venues and formats for the future, we've decided to stick with the traditional site and spot on the calendar for 2014 (just slightly later). Late September in Utah usually offers ideal weather conditions in the afternoon and Stansbury Park is very accommodating to us, with the cost enabling us to generate a bigger contribution to Let Me Shine Play & Preschool for a relatively small fee. We also hope that parents who are just becoming involved with LMS as the school year begins will want to participate.

Look for sign-up opportunities in the coming weeks. If you have questions in the meantime, please talk to Kurt Kragthorpe.

And speaking of golf...

The 2014 Larkin Charity Golf Classic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th at Eaglewood Golf Course, just 7 miles north of downtown Salt Lake City. \$150.00 per person includes 18 holes of golf, range balls and cart, personalized score cards, drink/snack coupons—2 per participant; breakfast and lunch provided. Prizes for longest drive, closest to the hole; hole-in-one opportunity to win a luxury car; awards and prize drawings and a gift bag. All the net proceeds are



donated to the University of Utah Health Care's Caring Connections. Every year Caring Connections assists grieving persons through support groups, education and research. Entry forms are available at Zion on the announcements bulletin board.

Catholic Community Services of Utah (CCS) is seeking loving, welcoming, and encouraging adults to become foster parents for their Refugee Foster Care program. The program provides foster care services to Unaccompanied Minor Refugees (URMs). Foster parents act to acclimate and familiarize the youth with their new home in the United States while also working to cultivate cultural preservation. Because the children being served are separated from their parents, the program encourages transition to adult living, while still surrounding the children with a loving home environment. Priority is given to individuals who share a similar religious or cultural background with the youth being served. For further information on how you could be involved in this life changing opportunity, please contact Stephanie Curtiss at [\(724\) 954-8848](tel:7249548848) or scurtiss@ccsutah.org.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE:

The recent influx in unaccompanied children arriving in the U.S. is a result of risk factors causing them to leave their home countries. The children's countries of origin are aggravated by lack of protection from drug trafficking and poverty, among many other factors.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to love and welcome all. We answer the call when children who are running from hunger, poverty and harm arrive on our doorstep. We believe in protecting and caring for those who are most vulnerable by providing services to ensure their safety, upholding their human rights and recognizing and preventing risks of exploitation.

Gifts designated for Unaccompanied and Migrant Children through Lutheran Disaster Response will be used in full (100 percent) to help support efforts that will uphold the rights of those displaced.

WAYS TO GIVE:

Mail: Lutheran Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300 Write "Unaccompanied and Migrant Children" on your check's memo line.

Phone: Credit card by phone: 800-638-3522

LET ME SHINE SUMMER CAMP 2014

Your child will experience Jesus time, snack, art, play, singing, circle time and lunch. Summer Camp is open to Let Me Shine students and Zion members who are entering Pre-Kindergarten (4 year old class) or are going to Kindergarten in the fall.

Your child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2014. There are only 2 spots left for this last summer camp. Call the church office to register.

Class size is limited to 15 students.

+August 11-15-Rain Forest Theme

In His Service,
Barb
Barb Ballif, Director



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—JULY, 2014

Pastor Steve moved the adoption of the following proposed Zion ZELC Church Council Covenant:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Covenant

As Leaders in the congregational council of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, we believe that our service is a gift from God. We believe that the Holy Spirit provides unique gifts to each of us, so that we may faithfully serve in the ministry entrusted to us. Therefore, we will receive one another as a gift from God, cherishing, nurturing, and supporting one another so that we may “build up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4).

Therefore working together in a spirit of trust and forgiveness, we are entrusted with these responsibilities:

We will model a Christ centered community.

We will be active in worship.

We will pray for one another.

We will make our attendance at council meetings a high priority.

We will listen to one another with an open mind.

We will “speak the truth in love” (Ephesians 4).

We will expect and work through conflict, practicing direct and respectful face-to-face communication, understanding that it may be a part of the process for creative change and growth.

We will openly communicate with one another, sharing information, asking for clarification, defining expectations.

We will support the final decision of the council even if we personally disagree.

We will strive to live and work together in the peace and unity of Christ.

To God be the glory!

The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Congregational Council shall utilize 50% of the Robert Rice Organ Endowment Fund, or approximately \$13,450, to help fund the congregation’s approved pipe organ improvement program . The remainder of this fund shall be retained for organ repair and maintenance. Motion seconded and passed.

The organ fund pledges and donations stand as follows:

Pledges (projected only through 2015): \$33,095 (of \$200,000 proposed).

ii. Donations received to date: \$25,700 including \$13,500 from the Organ endowment fund.

It is Fred Strohacker’s recommendation that funding be in hand before proceeding with any incremental improvements to the organ. As such, we have the funding for the first \$25,000 improvement.

The Communications Committee met on July 9th. A total communications plan for ZELC was defined. They also assigned responsibilities for each area. Jennie Johnson will be researching “sign-up” software that could be implemented such as Perfect Potluck, Signupgenius.com, etc. Jennie will help Nicole get it working on the webpage for sign-up of flowers, coffee hours, etc. This will also be used for RSVP lists. The committee will be working to educate people on how they can use the digital version of the bulletin during church instead of paper.



IN OUR PRAYERS:

In the name of Christ, we prayerfully entrust to God our sisters and brothers: for the mission and ministry entrusted to Zion Lutheran Church, especially with congregational council members; healing with Carrie Hinderaker.



Performance opportunities-- The top three ways you can tell it's summer: 3) There is no Sunday school hour. 2) You think we have new members but they normally attend

the *other* worship. 1) All the "usual" choirs are on hiatus! which presents you with an easy, low-pressure opportunity to share your musical talent with the congregation during worship. Contact Jon Hall at 801-953-6344 or jhj87@gmail.com to help coordinate.

Your help is needed hosting a coffee hour after worship.

The coffee, cream and sugar is provided and all you need to bring are some cookies! You don't have to put on a huge spread - it's just coffee and a cookie (or two) while speaking with your friends at Zion. Many friendships are made and cultivated during this time and what an awesome way for you or you and a friend or two to be of service to your family of faith. Please contact Nettie Priet nettie.priet@Hotmail.com with questions.



The annual **Thrivent Lutherfest picnic** will be held Saturday, August 2nd at Murray Park Pavilion 2, 495 East 5300 South from 10am-2pm. Food will be served from 11:30am to 1:00pm. We will have brats and hot dogs, beans,

potato salad, chips, cookies and drinks. There will also be a bounce house for kids. This event is FREE to all Thrivent members and their guests. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Utah Food Bank. Thank you! -Andy, Ron, Travis, Matt and Darren, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Several persons have inquired about learning the **basics of being Lutheran**. Pr. Steve will lead a gathering this fall, date and time to be announced. Please contact Pr. Steve if you are interested, so a schedule can be made.

Why Small Groups Matter

Small groups matter because they mattered to Jesus.

When Jesus started his public ministry, the first thing he did was gather his small group. And his idea of a small group was somewhat different than our typical idea of a small group. His strategy for discipleship was not, "Come to a class" but "Come follow me."

As Christians, we need to be growing in our relationship with Jesus, with others, and in our leadership development. Small groups allow us to do all three.

If you are not in a Small Group, maybe you should be.

Small Groups really do matter to Zion.

Diana and Dave Robertson
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QUILTERS WITHOUT BORDERS *with love and a prayer*

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer! Our next meeting will be held at the Foothill 6th Ward on the corner of Roosevelt Avenue and 2200 East on Aug. 7th. We will start at 7:00 pm as usual and end at 8:30 pm. If we haven't finished something, we will finish it during the next meeting.

Thank you to the First Baptist Church for hosting in June! It was wonderful to feel of your spirit and enjoy your hospitality!

I look forward to seeing your beautiful faces on the 7th!

With love and a prayer, *Quilters Without Borders*

Come one, come all!! *The annual Salmon Run will be held Saturday, August 23 at 6PM at Mark and Kathie Supiano's house 465 Marathon Circle.* We welcome all regular attendees and extend a special invitation to newer members and visitors. This is a wonderful adult fellowship opportunity and we will have a meal served up by master grillers! Please sign up in the narthex and grab a map, if needed.



Contact: Lisa Mensinger, Director of Youth Ministries at (801-582-2321) or email: youth@zelc.org

WSYG



Chillin' in our comfy dorm rooms at CLU.



Hanging with Lutheran Rapper—Agape.



Cooking with St. Mark's #1 BBQ Master



Youth from OSLC, Zion & Elim had a great time at the Western States Youth Gathering just outside of LA. We attending interesting workshops, listened to speakers, had a great day of service with members from St Marks in LA, enjoyed a day at

Ventura Beach and enjoyed the mysteries of Bob Wenzel & Lisa's cell phone scavenger hunts.

Justice Journey

A big thank you goes out to Louise Nelson, Holly & Doug Graham, Jo Grahn, Heather Gee, Angie Reuschel, Marci Hall, Tim Vincent, Jane & Alan Erdahl, Jan Heins, & Ray Fehr as well as many others who made Zion feel like home to 45 youth & adults from several churches from Omaha, NE.

Zion partnered with Sky Ranch Lutheran Church to create a service learning week in Salt Lake City. During the day the crew went out into the community and helped serve at St. Vincent's, Crossroads, The Good Samaritan, Youth Services, Utah Food Bank & Globus Relief. In the evening we worshiped and had some interesting small group discussions. Claire Nelson, Ben Wenzel, Mack Mensinger & Luke Widner were amazing hosts. Pastor Steve & Pastor DanaLee from Elim shared what it's like theologically to be a Lutheran in a place like Utah. A deeper understanding of being Lutheran was shared by all.



Help United Way of Salt Lake Stuff The Bus with school supplies for 8,500 kids!

Donate school supplies between July 13 and August 17, 2014

Please contact any Zion youth with questions.

Supplies needed include:

Pencils, Markers, Glue sticks, Pens, Crayons (boxes of 16), Highlighters, Spiral notebooks, Pocket folders, Erasers

For more information go to uw.org/stb or dial 2-1-1



August, 2014



at a glance...

Assisting Ministers: 10:00am

- Aug 3
- Aug 10
- Aug 17
- Aug 24
- Aug 31

Ushers:

- Peter Staks, Eric Hinderaker,
Scott Reuschel

Altar Guild:

- Aug 3 Ann Marie Mogren
- Aug 10 Newton Denny Gross
- Aug 17 Holly Graham Stewart
- Aug 24 Marci Hall Marsha Gilford
- Aug 31 Holly Graham Jan Heins

Hosts/Greeters:

- Chuck Gettig and Bob Steensma
will greet for the month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”
Matthew 4:4

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3 10:00 Worship VBS children singing	4 9 Yoga CARPETS CLEANED IN BUILDING	5 10:30 Lib Work	6 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 10 Staff Mtg	7 6:30-8 Meditation Group 7-David organ work	8 9 Yoga	9 LMS Staff Workshop offsite
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10 10:00 Worship Interactive Worship	11 9 Yoga 6:30 Council Mtg	12 10:30 Lib Work 7 Compassionate Friends Mtg	13 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 10 Staff Mtg	14 6:30-8 Meditation Group 7-David organ work	15 9 Yoga	16
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Let Me Shine Preschool Camp Monday thru Friday from 9am to 1pm

17 10:00 Worship Guest Preacher	OFFICE CLOSED 18 6 LMS Staff CPR Training	19 10:30 Lib Work	20 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 10 Staff Mtg	21 6:30-8 Meditation Group 7-David organ work	22 9 Yoga	23 6pm Salmon Run @ Supiano's
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24 10:00 Worship Bldg in use for afternoon	25 7 LMS Back to School Night	26 10:30 Lib Work 7 LMS Back to School Night	27 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 10 Staff Mtg 10-Noon-Meet Teacher Day	28 6:30-8 Meditation Group 7-David organ work	29 9 Yoga	30
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31 10:00 Worship						
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Pr. Steve will be out of town August 12 thru August 20. Pr. David Nichols will cover pastoral emergencies.



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“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 7, 2014

Our Saviour’s & Zion have been working together to compile a list of wonderful ways in which we can help serve our community. There will be opportunities to help serve our neighbors before and after the worship at 10 A.M. Here are a few of service learning projects in the works: helping serve breakfast at Pioneer Park, prepare meals for Ronald McDonald House, our local fire stations, prepare sack lunches for the Good Samaritan, share the gift of song, cleaning up along the Jordan River Parkway trails, drive through prayer, sewing & crafts, making cards for children in the hospital & assembling hygiene kits for homeless people. Watch the weekly bulletins for opportunities to donate items and to sign up for a service project either online or on the bulletin board. Thank you for all the wonderful volunteers who will be leading the projects.

"Today President Obama signed an executive order prohibiting federal contractors from workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Significantly, the president’s order does not include any new religious exemptions. While many media outlets have announced this news as protections for gay workers, it’s important to note that transgender and bisexual workers are also included in this order. President Obama’s action will protect approximately 28 million employees in 24,000 companies that hold federal contracts.

However, we still have a long way to go in the struggle for equality. Discrimination in the workplace and in housing and public accommodations is still legal in 29 states based on sexual orientation and in 32 states based on gender identity. For this reason, I urge you to call for an inclusive federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) that does not contain broad religious exemptions as a license to discriminate.”

– JamieAnn Meyers, Transgender Representative and Board Member, ReconcilingWorks
Read more about the executive order here: <http://www.washingtonblade.com/2014/07/21/historic-obama-signs-executive-order-anti-lgbt-job-bias/>

