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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.



A Word from the Pastor...

Micah didn't take off his new shoes last night. He wore them to bed. In a reversal of Moses' encounter with the holy -- "take off his shoes, for you are on holy ground," --- Micah needed to keep his shoes on and keep them close. These were no ordinary shoes. They were holy, a gift that empowers six-year-old boys to run faster and jump higher.

The emphasis is on gift, holding close that which we cherish. "Did you do that when you were a little boy?" my wife asked. "Actually," I confessed, "when I was eighteen I slept with my new ball glove (a custom Wilson A-2000) when I moved into the dorm." But, that's what we do with gifts; we cherish and hold them close.

We have received an incredible gift in Zion. It is the gift of grace. This is the gift we cherish and hold close. In fact, we claim the Spirit is speaking grace to us in a new way, calling us into a new vision for mission: *Connecting through Grace*. Grace flows through us from the heart of God.

Yes, grace is the gift we cherish and hold close to our hearts. In these coming weeks, we will move into the heart of grace, listening deeply to Jesus, who calls us to consider our stewardship of life: "*Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also*" (Matthew 6).

Treasure. Heart. Gift. Grace. Connecting through Grace. During our stewardship appeal, hold these images close to your heart. Pray for our congregation and the ways we connect with one another, with Jesus, and God's beloved world. Ask the Spirit's blessing through your careful reading of *A Spirituality of Fundraising*, by Henri Nouwen.*

We may not run faster, jump higher, or flash the leather of a Wilson A-2000, but we will move into the gracious treasure of life lived with integrity and generosity.

In and through Christ,

Pastor Steve Klemz

*If you did not receive a copy of Henri Nouwen's book, please contact the church office to receive your copy.

Sunday School News!

Zion Sunday school is blessed to have great teachers, students, and families participating. We have started the school year with strong attendance and lots of spirit. We ask for your prayers to continue and grow.



You won't want to miss **October 29th**. It is the 500th celebration of the Reformation as well as choir performances and a fantastic opportunity to get your pumpkins ready for Halloween. As a reminder, the pumpkin carving lunch is not just for Sunday school families, it is for the whole congregation whether you have kids or plan on carving a pumpkin. All are welcome to join us for lunch and fun!

Save the Date:

October 22: Joyful NOIZ performs at 10:30 worship.

October 29: Children's and Youth choirs (K – 6th grade) perform at 10:30 worship.

October 29: Zion's Annual Pumpkin Carving Lunch after 10:30 worship. Bring your pumpkins and carving tools and join us to get your pumpkins carved for Halloween. Lunch will be provided and the carving mess stays at Zion.



View from the Pew

My biggest impact in 35 years at Zion came when I stood in front of the congregation and asked everyone to begin separating the inserts in the bulletin for recycling or reusing. It has become apparent that people followed my instructions too well.

We have done a good job of reusing the yellow forms that offer opportunities to express pastoral needs and recycling the green sheets with Bible verses. The problem? Those green items are designed to be taken home.

At this point, a confession: I've never taken one home. My unscientific research suggests that's true for about 95 percent of us. So it hit me one day as I was recycling them that they may have value as an outline for the weekly Men's Breakfast Bible Study. And they do, as it turns out.

The seven days of readings are packaged into a theme, as found in various parts of the Bible. They're designed so that they can be used as a daily devotional or as a one-time study, taking maybe 30 minutes to read all seven excerpts. And it is interesting to see how elements of the Old and New Testament come together in those threads.

So I would recommend avoiding the ritualistic recycling of those green inserts and following the "Take home" suggestion. You might be as surprised as I was to discover how much they can aid our understanding of the Bible



~Kurt Kragthorpe

Library Corner



In honor of the 500 anniversary of the Reformation, we have purchased and will be placing the following books into the library...

In the Children's & Teens section: "The Life of Martin Luther: A Pop-Up Book" by Danika Cooley; "Papa Luther: A Graphic Novel" by Daniel D Maurer; "When Lightning Struck!: The Story of Martin Luther" by Danika Cooley; "Luther: Echoes of the Hammer" by Susan Leigh; "Katie Luther: Mother of the Reformation" by Susan Leigh; "Inside the Reformation" by Mark S Sengele

In the adult section: "Martin Luther: An Introduction to His Life and Work" by Benhard Lohse; "The Mother of the Reformation: The Amazing Life and Story of Katharine Luther" by Mark DeGarmeaux

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!



Lutheran-Catholic Ecumenical Service

Sunday, October 8 at 3pm

At Zion Lutheran Church (1070 Foothill Drive in SLC)



Celebrating the Reformation

All are invited and welcome to attend and share
in this milestone and celebration!

Common Service of Prayer

Rocky Mountain Synod and The Salt Lake Catholic Diocese

The Most Reverend Bishop Oscar Solis and Bishop Jim Gonia will preside and preach in the Common Service of Prayer. The historic service will be hosted at Zion. The service will highlight agreements reached through fifty years of dialogue between Catholics and Lutherans on the topics of Church, Ministry, and the Eucharist. The Diocese and the Utah Conference will form a joint choir for the occasion, directed by Diane Gardner.

500 Years....500 Items For Catholic Community Services Refugee Resettlement Program

In celebration of the milestone Reformation anniversary, and as an offering for partnership, ELCA Lutheran Churches in Utah are aiming to collect 500 items for the Catholic Community Services Refugee Resettlement program.

Please bring donated items by next Sunday, October 8, so they can be presented at the Common Service of Prayer, being held at 3 pm at Zion.

We are asked to contribute cleaning supplies, toilet paper, diapers, adult underwear & socks, and coats. Items can be dropped off in the designated area in the lounge.



Beautiful Blessings Group

This new small group of women will be meeting at 10 am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at Honeysuckle Coffee Co (8745 South 700 East, #2, Sandy, UT). Bring your child(ren) because there is a play area for them while you enjoy sharing beautiful blessings with other women. We will begin exploring the book by Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart*. A link to the first chapter can be found on our website. Contact Lisa Mensinger at youth@zelc.org.

Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament Recap

The 16th annual Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament was staged under ideal playing conditions in mid-September, after a hot summer and a huge rainstorm that hit two days earlier. The turnout of 44 golfers who played 18 holes, plus some younger participants who lasted various durations, enabled us to raise nearly \$1,100, significant funding for scholarships to the 2018 Vacation Bible School Music Camp.

The VBS event has become a major outreach for Zion, and the tournament proceeds will help a dozen or more students attend next summer, when they otherwise may not have been able to do so.

Special thanks to Angie Reuschel and Tracy Hackworth for helping to host the event at Stansbury Park Golf Course and to Pastor Steve for serving a celebrity putter as each group played No. 9.

The winning team was captained by Scott Reuschel, shooting 11-under-par 61 in the four-person scramble format and finishing one stroke ahead of two groups, including the team led by Pastor Rick Ehrheart (a former Zion intern) of Mountain of Faith Lutheran Church in Tooele. Ben Haverkost and Lisa Mensinger won long drive contests and Doug Graham earned a closest to the hole prize.

Once again, we enjoyed having golfers of all ages and abilities participate and gain satisfaction from their experience in different ways. One such example was Susan Swidnicki's nephew Gavin, who was determined to hit a ball into a lake. He succeeded.

Connecting Through Grace: *Financial Stewardship*

For the month of August, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time contributions amounted to \$25,546, while contributions for our Capital Campaign Organ Fund totaled \$0.

January-August 2017 Totals	
Envelopes/Loose Offerings	\$221,973.00
Year-to-Date Goal	\$266,756.09
Difference	-\$44,783.09
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	
Organ Fund	\$93,295.00
Campaign Goal	\$220,000.00
Difference	-\$126,705.00

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Leslie Miller
Church Council Treasurer

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the weekly scriptures from the Taking Faith Home bulletin insert.

CONSIDER HOSTING COFFEE HOUR

A cookie, piece of fruit, or a cracker with cheese along with that beloved cup of coffee and good conversation with your friends at Zion is just the ticket! The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please feel free to select a Sunday or perhaps join with another family to host. Feel free to call Nettie 801.634.1102 or email Nettie.priet@hotmail.com with any questions.



LET ME SHINE

It's hard to believe we've already completed one month of school. We have a remarkable Board, staff and amazing Let Me Shine students and families! We are off to a great start and it's been wonderful to hear the excitement in the children's voices as they tell about their school day and what they've learned. It is an honor to serve as director of Let Me Shine!

We have some fun events planned this month! We look forward to our Harvest parties and the children also get to participate in our Annual Pumpkin Hunt. On this day the children hear the Pumpkin Gospel... just as the messy insides of a pumpkin are scooped out and a light shines inside a jack-o-lantern, so are our messes/sins cleaned up and forgiven and God's light shines in us!

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

In His service,
Barb

Barbara Ballif, Director

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Let Me Shine Preschool. Come in to the Chipotle at **1011 East 2100 South** in Salt Lake City on **Wednesday, October 18th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Let Me Shine Preschool.



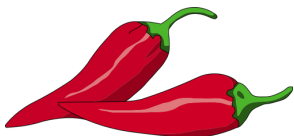
If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

PUMPKIN CARVING and CHILI COOK OFF

for Lutheran Disaster Response to hurricanes

and the Mexico earthquake

October 29



You won't want to miss this! On Sunday, October 29, after the 10:30 worship, Zion's annual pumpkin carving lunch this year will include a chili cook off. Bring your pumpkins and carving tools and join us to get your pumpkins carved for Halloween. Lunch will be provided and the carving mess stays at Zion. A free will offering will be received for Lutheran Disaster Relief. Remember the pumpkin carving lunch is not just for Sunday school families, it is for the whole congregation whether you have kids or plan on carving a pumpkin. All are welcome to join us for lunch and fun!

Contact Pastor Steve (pastor@zelc.org) or Julie Yasoni (Julie.yasoni@valpo.edu) if you are able to help by providing a pot of chili –any variety, including spicy, white, meatless, or...? We also need side dishes like salads, cornbread, or dessert.

Faith Formation Disciples

October 8, 2:30-5:00 pm

All Faith Formation Disciples are expected to attend the joint Prayer Service with the Catholics on Sunday, Oct 8. Bishop Gonia from the Rocky Mountain Synod will be here to bless the FFD. Thank you to Jenna Foulks for being one of the readers for the service.

Faith Coaches we would love for you to join us during this once-in-500 year event.



Houston—Here We Come!

Deposits Due October 20

8th graders to 12th graders are invited to join us in helping clean up this summer after the Harvey Hurricane in Houston. A non-refundable deposit of \$150 and registration forms are due Oct. 20. We have 2-3 youth interested in coming from Elim, 1 youth from Our Savior's, and 3-4 from Park City.

Faith Formation Disciples Schedule

Sat, Nov. 11—Retreat at Zion ---- 9:30 am—1:30 pm
Faith Coaches invited to lunch at 12:30 pm

Jan. 14-20, 2018 -----Meet with Pastor Steve & Lisa
Caring conversations about questions.

Sun, Jan 21, 2018----- 11:30 am—2:30 pm
Celebratory Luncheon & Practice
Faith Coaches invited to give toast.

Sun, Feb 11, 2018----- 10:30 am
Affirmation of Baptism

Fri-Sun, Feb 23-25, 2018 -----Souper Bowl of Caring
Faith Coaches invited to Dinner Sat, Feb 24

FFD—Serving at RMH

FFD and Faith Coaches served a meal at the RMH on September 24. It was a day of serving others just as Jesus did. Thank you to Marci Hall and Thrivent for purchasing the items for the meal.



Corn Maze—Oct 21 at 7pm

Sat, Oct 21 7:00 pm

MS & HS youth. Interested in a haunted corn maze? Text Lisa (814) 360-6283 by Oct 19!

October, 2017

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in Christ **500**
YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

10:30 AM
Oct 1 Lisa Mensinger
Oct 8
Oct 15 Denny Gross
Oct 22
Oct 29

Ushers:

Kurt Kragthorpe, Marsha Gilford,
two volunteers

Altar Guild:

Oct 1 Ann Marie Mogren
Holly Graham
Oct 8 Jan Heins
Denny Gross
Oct 15 Marci Hall
Marsha Gilford
Oct 22 Carrie Hinderaker
Melissa Livengood
Oct 29 Steve/Marie Newton
Bruce/Lois Stewart

Greeters:

Oct 1 Verna Hanson
Oct 8
Oct 15
Oct 22
Oct 29

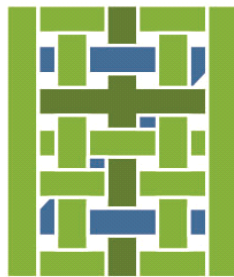
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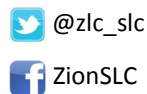
Oct 1 Angie & Ann Marie
Oct 8 Jan & Paul
Oct 15 Jan & Jane
Oct 22 Doug & Paul
Oct 29 Janice & Bob

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:15 Awakening Worship 9:15 Education hour 10:30 Worship	9 Yoga-based exercise 7-8:30 Yoga with Julie	6:30-9 pm G/A Chorus	7 Men's bible study 9 Yoga-based exercise 9 Staff Mtg 11:40 LMS chapel 6 Pizza dinner 6:30 Joint choir re- hearsal for Common Service of Prayer	All day Clean sanctuary for Sun- day prayer service 6:30-8:30 Meditation gr 7:00 Quilters With- out Borders @ St. Ambrose	9 Yoga-based exercise	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:15 Awakening Worship 9:15 Education hour 10:30 Worship 3:00 Common Service of Prayer / Reception	9 Yoga-based exercise 6:30-8:30 Girl Scouts 7-8:30 Yoga with Julie	11:40 LMS chapel 6:00 Congregational Council 7 Compassionate Friends 6:30-9 pm G/A Chorus	7 Men's bible study 9 Yoga-based exercise 9 Staff Mtg	6:30-8:30 Meditation gr	9 Yoga-based exercise 5-8:30 Girl Scouts Spook Alley	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31				
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Sunday Worship
8:15 AM or 10:30 AM
Education hour 9:15 AM
for children & adults



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October 6-7, 2017

Early Bird Registration is Open

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**"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

Sponsored by the University of Utah, Dept. of Pediatrics, Div.
of Medical Ethics & Humanities and Medical Genetics, RMS
and its UT Conference of the ELCA, Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church
and the Episcopal Diocese of Utah

- Location: Episcopal Conference Center of Utah in Salt Lake City, UT
- Friday, October 6th, 5:00pm to 9:00pm; Saturday, October 7th, 8:00am to 5:00pm

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In Our Prayers: Christ's healing presence with Diane Teece, Dianne Krehbiel, Rodney Schroeder, Christy Hillock. The gift of resurrection comfort and peace for all who mourn the death of Millie Erdman. Her memorial service will be at Zion on October 28. Christ's resurrection peace for Pastor Steve Klemz and family as they mourn the death of his father, Norman.

2017-2018 ZELC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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