



Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

8:00am Worship
10:30am Worship
Education Hour 9:15am

The Herald

A Word from the Pastor...

There are times when my to-do list looks like 5,000 hungry people. I feel pretty overwhelmed and empty. So it is good to remember the story of Jesus feeding of the 5,000. It always reminds me that the ministry I serve in Christ hinges not on how much I have or what I can give, but rather on how much God gives by multiplying what I have.

Remember the story? After the news of the murder of his friend John, Jesus retreats to a lonely place, probably to mourn. The locals get wind that Jesus has come. The crowd is overwhelming and needy. Jesus heals with compassion. The crowd stays late, and the disciples want to send the people away so they can get something to eat.

But Jesus, being Jesus, has another idea. It is what we call a "teachable moment." Jesus wants to teach his disciples something about the nature of God. It is a lesson, that if we take it seriously, would free us to re-imagine the world and renew this community of faith in Zion.

Jesus says, "You feed them." The disciples look puzzled. They have nothing. No food. No reserves. They only have a mass of hungry people staring back at them.

Jesus says, "Bring your nothing to me." It all sounds like the Last Supper, where Matthew depicts what happens when you move from a worldview of scarcity -- "we have nothing here but five loaves and fishes" --- to one of abundance --- "thank you, God, for these five loaves and fishes." Whatever their doubt about not having enough, the disciples are caught up in Jesus words of abundance and gratitude and distribute what they have and participate in the wonder and joy of God's economy. As Matthew tells the story, "All were filled."

The gospel story of abundance tells of a God who loved the world into being, declaring, "It is good." The myth of scarcity tells us that there is not enough to go around, especially when it comes to "my time." In our baptism we receive life as gift, in grace, beloved by God in Christ. The myth of scarcity says that we need to build and achieve our own value for life. Abundance shares gifts with neighbors. Scarcity has no room for neighbor and produces indifference to our neighbors and to those who are poor.

In this fall's adult Bible Study, we will explore the myth of scarcity as it conflicts God's abundance, beginning with a thorough discussion of loaves and fishes.

All are welcome: "Abundance or Scarcity? --- A matter of faith." in and through Christ, Pr. Steve

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2014

Envelope and Loose Offerings plus one time gifts spread across the year amounted to \$21,464, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$32,416. This is 66% of the 4-week amount needed to balance our budget. Year to date, our offerings come to \$200,820, or 83% of the funds needed to balance our annual budget.

For the organ capital campaign, the organ fund pledges and donations stand as follows: Pledges (projected through 2015): \$50,095 (of \$220,000 needed, including the original proposal and a 10% tithe.)

Donations received to date: \$29,500 including \$13,500 approved for use by the council from the Robert Rice Organ Endowment fund.

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Fred Strohacker,
Church Council Treasurer



View from the Pew:

One of my favorite verses, and certainly one of the few I've memorized, is Ephesians 2:8-9. It is a bedrock of the Lutheran faith, reminding us that salvation is a gift, not the result of our own works – "lest anyone should boast."

Yet in the very next verse comes Paul's reminder that we should respond to that gift: "We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

So what should we do? Sign up! I commend those who have organized the "God's Work. Our Hands" program on Sunday, Sept. 7. As detailed at zelc.org and in other promotional material, the service opportunities are varied and intriguing, maybe even fun.

That's quite a statement, coming from me. I'm not a great example of getting out and working, even in my own backyard. Yet there are so many ways to help on this special Sunday that getting into the spirit of the event and helping out is almost unavoidable.

Although the intent is not to seek rewards for the effort, I also believe that any of the projects will be rewarding to us and I'm looking forward to making a contribution to the community outside of Zion's walls.

~Kurt Kragthorpe



CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER:

FOOD OF THE MONTH: Canned and powdered milk and snacks

THRIFT STORE NEEDS: Back to school clothing

Library Corner: The following books have been generously donated to the library: "Zondervan Handbook to the Bible"; "Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith" by Anne Lamott; "The Mitford Bedside Companion" by Jan Karon

Children's section: "The Golden Treasury of Prayers for Boys and Girls" by Esther Wilkin
"The Story of Jesus Pop-Up Book" by Elizabeth Ashley



Copies of the Lutheran Magazine and the Smithsonian are available in the library!

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!



The important dates to remember for the 13th Annual Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit the Let Me Shine Play & Preschool at Zion are Sunday, Sept. 28 (the event) and Sept. 14 (registration/payment deadline). While some potential innovations and changes are being considered for the future, the basic details of the tournament remain the same as usual this year.

Site: Stansbury Park Golf Course, 20 minutes west of Salt Lake City, with tee times beginning at 1:15 p.m.

Format: Four-person scramble, designed to make it fun for golfers of all ages and abilities. We have historic examples of once-a-year golfers who enjoyed the experience! Sign up as a foursome, or individuals or couples can be paired together.

Cost: \$50 per person, covers 18 holes of golf, a cart and refreshments provided by Thrivent Financial. It is important that we have at least 40 participants, which meets the course's requirement for a discount that enables us to commit \$25 per player to Let Me Shine.

Checks: Payable to Let Me Shine.

Information: Contact Kurt Kragthorpe (kkragthorpe@sltrib.com)

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.

Thursday mornings, the basics of being Lutheran: Pr. Steve will lead this gathering, dates and specific time to be determined by participants. Please contact Pr. Steve if you are interested, so a schedule can be made. All are welcome!

Breaking Every Chain! Exploring the Role of Faith Communities in Criminal Justice Reform

Calvary Baptist Church, the Catholic Diocese of SLC and the Utah Prisoners' Advocate Network invite you to join us for a free breakfast and opportunity to discuss how we, as communities of faith, can better respond to the needs of our congregations as related to criminal justice concerns. This is a great event for pastors, bishops, youth group leaders, prison ministry volunteers, curious and caring church-goers, and anyone who is impacted by these issues! **September 6th, 9am-11am at Calvary Baptist Church**, 1090 S. State St., SLC. Contact Jean Hill for info and to RSVP, jean.hill@dioslc.org or 801-328-8641 Ext. 336.

TWELFTH ANNUAL WINE & CHEESE BENEFIT PARTY for Crossroads Urban Center!

September 21 from 1pm to 4pm at The Bayou, 645 S. State Street. Dine on select wines, gourmet cheese, assorted breads and fresh fruit. Groove to 'Controlled Burn'. Tickets are a minimum \$45 donation in advance or \$50 at the door. Go to www.crossroadsurbancenter.org for more details or to order your tickets.

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.



Sunday School begins
Sept 14th at 9:15a.m.

We welcome all ages from 2 to 100 year olds. Children's choir available for all kids. Sign up will begin September 7th. Parents please arrive early to register your children.

Questions? Please contact Louise Nelson, mclnelson@yahoo.com or Stephanie Metos, skmetos@comcast.net

JOYFUL NOIZ begins September 14th
8:30 – 9:15 am

Orff Percussion Ensemble for Junior High and High School Students. We play for worship about once a month. No previous experience necessary! We'll teach you everything you need to know! Direct questions to Susan Swidnicki, sljswidnicki@gmail.com



There are several ways you can support Let Me Shine Preschool, Zion's mission outreach.

- By directing Choice Dollars(R) through Thrivent Choice, eligible members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations, including LMS.
- By participating in the Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament on September 28th.
- By contributing to the Ruth Nelson Scholarship Fund.
- Volunteer to serve on the Board of Trustees, the governing body of the preschool.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—AUGUST, 2014

Pastor Steve Klemz - Report: Annual Financial Appeal – Event to happen weekend of October 25, Pr. leading this effort. Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly is May 1-3, in Salt Lake City. This event happens every 12 years. All RMS ELCA congregations encouraged to worship at the Sheraton for closing worship on Sunday morning, May 3, 2015. The only change in the 8:15 worship will be that now it will be held at 8:00, and the people must sit in the first five pews.

Alane Boyd – Communication: We have added Brendan Ganning and Sean Avery to the Communications Team. Tracy, Diana Robertson and Pr. Steve do a wonderful job posting to the Facebook page. This past week the ZELC posts reached 256 people. We will be setting up the site for "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday. All activities will be listed so that individuals can sign up for each activity separately. We will also have signups for donation items. It is our plan that all active congregations will use our site to sign-up. We will be working to educate people on how they can use the digital version of the bulletin.

Alyce Gross - Faith Formation Report: Vacation Bible Music Camp (July 28-Aug 1): Susan Swidnicki again did an excellent job. Using her organizational skills and gifts of working with people of all ages, she promoted spiritual growth through music, art, service projects, Bible study, games, and more. When I volunteered I was able to observe the Holy Spirit at work. I was especially impressed with the Junior Counselors. They were learning leadership skills and techniques as they worked with younger children.

Doris Mason - Outreach: A motion was seconded and approved to support Crop Walk, which will be held on Sept 14, 1:30 PM, in Liberty Park. It will benefit Church World Service.



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.



IT'S OKTOBERFEST TIME!!

Saturday, October 4th
6:00 p.m. at Zion

Suggested donation of \$7.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children under 12; Children under 3 free.

Everyone is invited to this wonderful and very popular event, always enjoyed by all who attend. It will be held, **Saturday, October 4 at 6 PM.** There will be lots of delicious food: bratwurst, sauerkraut, red cabbage, authentic homebrew beer (back by popular demand), authentic German beer, sodas, hot dogs and LOTS more. This is a fantastic family event, including games and entertainment for the kids. Bring your friends and neighbors! And yes, if you wish you may dress up in your Lederhosen or Dirndl.

Sign up in the Narthex or contact Jon Hall 801-953-6344, jhjh87@gmail.com to attend and/or volunteer.



Let's fight against hunger

together! SUNDAY, SEPT. 14TH

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events that bring people together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.

I'm excited to be part of it and would love to have you join me on this journey. The steps we take - and the funds we raise - will make a real impact! Contact Doris Mason with questions dorismildred05@msn.com. Go to zelc.org or our Facebook page to sign up and/or donate.



Please join us for a Retirement and Estate Strategies Workshop hosted by Thrivent Financial and your local representatives, Wasatch Front Associates. Guest speaker Jonathan Doering, from San Diego, CA a Thrivent Financial Consultant with 23 years' experience, will share strategies on:

- Alternative options to low-interest bearing savings vehicles
- 2014 tax law changes on income, estate, and investments
- Tax-advantaged investments strategies while living and to your heirs
- Multi-generation IRA and charitable planning
- Proper diversification in today's market
- Distribution mistakes to avoid in retirement

Wednesday, September 3rd

4:00 PM Our Saviors Lutheran Church: 5560 South 2300 West, Roy, UT 84067

7:00 PM Prince of Peace Lutheran: 930 North 400 West, Logan, UT 84321

Thursday, September 4th

10:00 AM Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: 8575 South 700 East, Sandy, UT 84070

1:00 PM Our Saviour's Lutheran Church: 2500 East 3900 South, Holladay, UT 84124

4:15 PM Christ Lutheran: 240 East 5600 South, Murray, UT 84107

6:30 PM St. Matthews Lutheran Church: 2654 Builders Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84118

To reserve a seat for you and a guest call Jennifer at 877-593-1195 #218 or email Jennifer.Gi@thrivent.com.

Sunday Adult Bible Study with Pr. Steve

Klemz: We will explore the myth of scarcity as it conflicts God's abundance, beginning with a thorough discussion of loaves and fishes.

All are welcome: "Abundance or Scarcity? --- A matter of faith." 9:15 am in the atrium beginning on September 14th.



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

God Chicks

God Chicks come in all shapes & sizes all colors & styles! Are you a princess, daughter of a King? Are you a warrior with the courage to do what's right? Is your heart full of love for your family & friends? Are you a Party Chick, celebrating life with passion & a smile? Or are you a Whatever-it-takes Chick accomplishing your God-given purpose? God Chicks are a force for change.

All 7th-12th grade girls are invited to explore which God Chick version you are based on God's purpose for you. Join Lisa Mensinger & special guests once a month in fun activities that invite a conversation of God's Purpose for you.

Just b u Chick

Tuesday, Sept 16 at 4 pm

Color Me Mine - Foothill Plaza

Bring \$10

RSVP Lisa Mensinger, youth@zelc.org, by Friday, Sept 12. If you need a ride, let Lisa know.

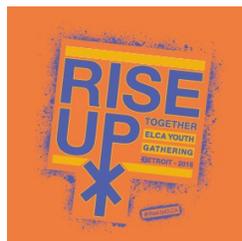
Spaghetti for the Soul Young Adult Ministry

Are you 18-25 years old? Let's get together for some Spaghetti & Soul searching. James & Diane Gardner & Lisa Mensinger are starting up Young Adult Ministry.

We will meet **weekly** to share a meal & dig into what it means to be living as Lutheran Christians. If you are interested, please contact one of us: James Gardner, Jas.Gardner@utah.edu; Diane Gardner, d52gardner@yahoo.com; Lisa Mensinger, youth@zelc.org

Join us Wed, Sept 3 at 5 pm for a picnic on the lawn of President's Circle.

Let Lisa know what type of Sub you want by Sept 2.



Stuff the Bus

Thank you to everyone who contributed school supplies for local kids!



Save the Dates

Saturday, October 11 - Fall Retreat - Faith Formation

All Faith Formation students are encouraged to attend the evening retreat from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Saturday, November 1 - Ninth Grade Retreat

Ninth graders preparing to go through the Rite of Confirmation are encouraged to attend the 1/2 day retreat where we will explore who is Jesus.

Faith Formation Papers

Calling all Faith Formation Disciples getting ready to go through the Rite of Confirmation - 9th graders. Remember to meet with your Faith Coaches so that you can brainstorm ideas of how you can declare your Faith in your Faith Papers or Video. Papers or videos are due **September 30th.**



ELCA Youth Gathering

July 15 - 19, 2015

Youth currently in 10th-12th grade are invited to the National Youth Gathering in Detroit, MI. Attend a short informational meeting in the library on Sept. 21 after the 10:30 am worship. Deadline to register with Lisa is September 30th.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



September, 2014

at a glance...

September 7, 2014

Assisting Ministers:

- 10:00am**
Sept 7 Doris Mason
- 8:00 am**
Sept 14 Mark & Kathie Supiano
Sept 21
Sept 28
- 10:30am**
Sept 14 Denny Gross
Sept 21 Fred Strohacker
Sept 28 Erin Basta

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

*Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Psalm 149:1*

	LABOR DAY 1 Office Closed 9 Yoga	2 LMS FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL 10 Staff Mtg 10:30 Lib. Work	3 7 Men's Bible 9 Yoga 10 Utah Confer- ence Mtg.	4 6:30-8 Meditation Group 7 David-Organ work	5 9 Yoga	6
7 GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY ELCA Day of Community Service	8 9 Yoga 6:30 Cong. Council Mtg	9 10 Staff Mtg 10:30 Lib. Work 7 Compassionate Friends Mtg	10 7 Men's Bible 9 Yoga	11 6:30-8 Meditation Group 7 David-Organ work 8 Sunday school Mtg	12 9 Yoga	13
14 8:00am Worship 9:15 Ed. Hour 10:30am Worship	15 9 Yoga	16 10 Staff Mtg 10:30 Lib. Work 4 Just b u Chick 7 LMS Board Mtg	17 7 Men's Bible 9 Yoga	18 6:30-8 Meditation Group 7 David-Organ work	19 9 Yoga	20
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Ushers:

Doug Graham, Chuck Schmitt,
John Krehbiel, volunteer needed.

Altar Guild:

- Sept 7 Ann Marie Mogren
Steve/Marie Newton
- Sept 14 Marci Hall
Denny Gross
- Sept 21 Holly Graham
Bruce/Lois Stewart
- Sept 28 Jan Heins
Marsha Gilford

Hosts/Greeters:

- 10:00am**
Sept 7 Bob Steensma
- 8:00am**
Sept 14 Chuck Gettig
Sept 21 Bob Steensma
Sept 28 Bob Steensma
- 10:30am**
Sept 14 Verna Hanson &
Marsha Gilford
Sept 21 Verna Hanson
Sept 28 Warren & Judy Patten

NOTE: Early worship begins September 14th on the hour @ 8:00am!!



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Volunteers needed

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



September 7, 2014

Zion & Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 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.

Fellowship Leaders Needed:

We have fewer people on Church Council, so we need volunteers to help keep some of our ministries alive. The tradition of Oktoberfest, Wine & Cheese, and Seder do not happen by themselves. If you enjoy these fellowship activities please choose one and volunteer to be the coordinator for it. Clear guidelines are available for each event. Inviting non-churched or non-active members to these events is a wonderful opportunity for easy evangelism to help our congregation grow. Please let anyone on Church Council know if you are willing to coordinate an event.

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