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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

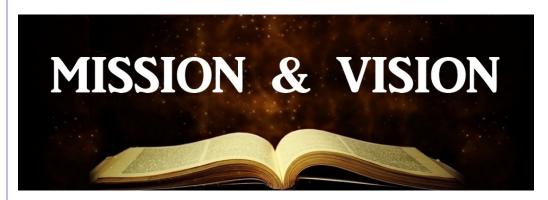
We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God we welcome all. We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and 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...



Please pray for Susan Swidnicki, McKayla Mensinger, Lisa Mensinger, Erin Basta, Joanna Ganning, Mel and Roy Hamor. Please pray for your pastor. Pray for Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We need your prayers as we begin a visioning process in our congregation. We will be listening to God in a new way, attending to scripture and holy conversation as we discern what God's vision is for our life together. We will not be seeking easy answers. We will ask hard questions. And we will look for ways to get the people of Zion thinking and talking.

I believe that we are living in the midst of a massive cultural shift. I also believe that the Holy Spirit is speaking and working among us, calling us into a creative way to be church in this changing world. I love the way Martin Luther describes our participation in God's dream, in his response to the petition in the Lord's Prayer, "Your kingdom come." "God's kingdom comes indeed without our praying for it, but we pray in this petition that it might come among us also." In other words, God is going to do what God is going to do in this world. Our task is to be a part of God's dream. And that's pretty amazing work, which I call holy ground.

It all begins with prayer. As you pray for our vision team and our community of faith in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, I invite you to pray the Lord's Prayer. Please include it in your daily prayers. Try praying it slowly. And when you come to the petition, "your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven," please stop, pause, and repeat the line before moving on.

Indeed, may God's will be done with us --- and by us, in and through Christ,

Pastor Steve Klemz

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GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2014

For the month of September, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including onetime gifts spread across the year amounted to \$31,104, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$32,416. This is 96% of the amount needed to balance our budget for this 4-week period. Year to date, our giving stands at \$271,227, including one-time gifts spread across the year. This represents 86% of the funds needed to balance our annual budget to date.

For the Organ Capital campaign, we have received pledges of \$51,515 (of \$220,000 total including the original proposal plus a 10% tithe.) We have received \$31,500 in donations to date.

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ, Fred Strohacker, Church Council Treasurer

View from the Pew:

Having enjoyed the experience of being involved in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church's stewardship event, called Consecration Sunday, I have a couple of thoughts about the subject to share.

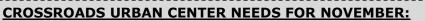
In thinking about what stewardship is, it is important to consider what stewardship is not. 2nd Corinthians says "God rewards the giver." Rewards, naturally, is the word that gets our attention. As Americans in the 21st century, we're inclined to hear that and wonder, "OK, just what is the rate of return, exactly?" Or maybe human nature is to view stewardship as an insurance policy, to think that because we give, we'll be protected against setbacks of any kind. But stewardship is not insurance, it is not an investment strategy, and it is not about paying dues or merely financing a church budget.

God does reward the giver. I believe that. But what's important is which comes first. God gave to us before we could ever think about giving to him.

So stewardship to me really is the direct opposite of human nature, 180 degrees from the mentality of a consumer-driven society. When we hand over a credit card or write a check, we're usually thinking, "What am I going to receive in return for this? What is the value I'm seeking to get here?" But stewardship is just a case of recognizing that a lot has been given to us, and we're just giving some of it back.

I think if we asked young children how much we should share with God, even if they didn't fully understand fractions, they probably would say, oh, about half of what we have seems fair. OK, that's not practical for most of us, but it's hard to argue against that idea, right?

~Kurt Kragthorpe



FOOD OF THE MONTH: Canned vegetables & soups

THRIFT STORE NEEDS: Blankets & coats

NEEDS A NEW HOME: Roland Piano 5000S, electronic keyboard console HP-5000S. Two keys need repaired. If interested, please talk with Dianne Krehbiel, Chancel Choir Director.

<u>Library Corner:</u> The following books have been generously donated to the library:

"Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana" by Anne Rice; "Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith" by Jan Krakauer; "Vatican City" by Francesco Roncalli

In the Children's Section: "Happy Thanksgiving Day" by Jill Roman Lord; "Thanks for Thanksgiving" by Julie Markes; "Amazing America: An Adventure into American History" by Carpenter, Dan & Sean Kennelly

Copies of the Lutheran Magazine and the Smithsonian are available in the library! REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR OVERDUE BOOKS!

The Library Guild meets on <u>Tuesdays at 10:30am</u> 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!

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On All Saints' Sunday (November 2) we remember with reverence and affection all of our departed family and friends. I invite you to remember your loved ones, writing their names on a white tablecloth, which will be draped over our altar for All Saints' Sunday. The tablecloth is available in the church entrance hall.

In the rich cadence of our liturgy for Holy Communion, we prayerfully thank and praise God *at all times and in all places* because there is no time or place that the power of Christ's resurrection peace cannot reach to bring healing and life. Especially on All Saints' Sunday, as members of the Body of Christ, we remember that death does not release us from being in community with one another and those who have died. *Pr. Steve*



Giving Envelopes for 2015

Thank you for your generous weekly offerings! We are trying to get an accurate account of individuals and families who want to receive a box of envelopes for the upcoming year. In November, there will be a bulletin insert to submit your choice. If you cannot get to church, please feel free to contact the office with your choice—801.582.2321 or office@zelc.org.

Grief and the Holidays

Daffodils in Winter: Finding Peace in Sorrow,
Monday, November 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Featured speakers: Richard Paul Evans and Marc Probst at the University of Utah College of Nursing, Annette Poulson Cumming Building, 2nd Floor, 10 South 2000 East.



Considering the torrential rain of the previous day, we were not in a position to complain about some brief, adverse conditions during the 13th annual Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament in late September. The lightning stayed away and the rain lasted for one or two holes, but most groups were able to complete the round and had an enjoyable day at Stansbury Park.

Many thanks are due to those who helped organize and stage the tournament, working on behalf of Zion and the Let Me Shine! Preschool. With 38 golfers playing and others generously contributing financially in their absence, more than \$1,000 was raised. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans generously supplied the refreshments for the tournament. As always, we are seeking input for next year's event, regarding the time of the year, day of the week, venue and any other elements that can drive more participation and improve the tournament. Thank you, *Kurt Kragthorpe*

All are welcome and invited to participate in *Lectio Divina* on Thursday, November 13, at Zion.

Heather Monkmeyer, a spiritual director, will lead us in this prayer practice, from noon until 1:00. *Lectio Divina* is Latin for "divine reading." It is a slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures, allowing us to listen for God's voice. This way of praying may be new to some of us, but it is a historic prayer practice that has withstood the test of time, nourishing and serving people of faith in spiritual formation and spiritual growth. It is our privilege to have Heather lead us in what will prove to be a time of grace. ----*Pr. Steve*



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Give A Gobble at HARMONS NEIGHBORHOOD GROCER

November 1-23, 2014

Buy a \$10 turkey certificate and help provide a turkey for a family in need this Thanksgiving! Turkeys will be delivered to the Crossroads Urban Center Turkey Distribution! Need more info? Contact Glenn Bailey at 801-364-7765 Ext. 112

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.



It's hard to believe November is here! I love this time of year...the beautiful golden colors and the smell of the crisp autumn air. Most of all,

as Thanksgiving nears, I love being reminded of how blessed I am and what I have to be thankful for. This Thanksgiving take time to look around and see how God has blessed you and take the opportunity to tell the special people in your life what they mean to you!

Please join the staff, children and families of Let Me Shine in singing praises of Thanksgiving during our annual *Thanksgiving Chapel Service* and *Potluck Feast*. The service is Tuesday, November 25 at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend Chapel and invited to the delicious potluck meal following the service. See you there!

"Come; let us sing to the Lord! Let us give a joyous shout to the rock of our salvation! Let us come before him with Thanksgiving. Let us sing him psalms of praise." Psalm 95:1-2 NLT

> In His Service, Barb Ballif, Director

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS-OCTOBER, 2014

From the Office of the Bishop, Rocky Mountain Synod – Each congregation will celebrate "Prayer in Our Life Together" by partnering with a congregation in their conferences. Zion is partnered with Elim Lutheran Church, Ogden. Bishop Gonia asks that we partner in prayer and fellowship at least three times throughout the year:

*Conversation at the Conference Missional Gathering

*Fellowship event during the season of Epiphany.

*Pulpit swap during the season of Lent

The executive committee met on September 15th to set a proposed budget. After an extensive review of the budget by council members, it was moved to ask the congregation to approve the proposed budget at the November Congregational Meeting. Seconded and passed.

SINE NOMINE UTAH Young adult ministry

Discussion of Christian faith — college and college-age persons and their supporters (including graduate school)— in conjunction with Lutheran Churches in Utah. We meet **weekly** to 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 each Wednesday at 5 pm at ZELC.



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IN OUR PRAYERS:

Christ's of healing gift of peace with Merribeth Anderson, Steve Newton, Chris Hardy, Linda Pembroke.

God's blessing with Diane Gardner and Nettie Priet, who have completed their training and join Norma Klemz as Spiritual Care Volunteers at Primary Children's Hospital.

Our community of faith in Zion, for wisdom in annual meeting and the Spirit's gift of discernment for visioning committee.

Sunday Adult Bible Study with Pr. Steve Klemz:

We are exploring the myth of scarcity as it conflicts

God's abundance. All are welcome:

"Abundance or Scarcity? --- A matter of faith." 9:15 am in the atrium. Nov. 22nd, Zion response to ELCA "Holy Communion, Who Is Invited?"

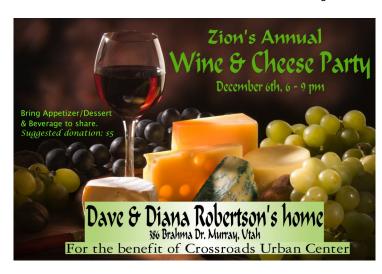


WE NEED YOU! Do you like to attend the fun events that Zion hosts like Greater Zion Day and the Family Fun Activities (i.e. Pumpkin Carving, Gingerbread House)? Would you like to see the resurrection of Zion Camping weekend or group attendance at a Bees game? Or maybe you would like to introduce Zion to a new event or activity. Well, if you do, then plan on attending a meeting Sunday, November 9 at 11:45 in the church library. These activities do not happen without planning them. This is a fun way to get better acquainted with your Zion family!

If you are unable to attend or have any questions, contact Angie Reuschel at aclmom86@msn.com or 801-565-9015 (hm) or 801-712-9584 (cell). Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

Visit Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1955 Stratford Avenue, SLC 84106

Saturday, November 15th 9 am to 1 pm for their Holiday Bazaar! Terrific homemade soup & crafts.



New Name Tags

We will bless and distribute our new name tags on Sunday, November 16. Reasons to wear your name tag:

*It is a way to witness that "All are Welcome" in Sunday worship. Wearing your name tag is a way of saying that we expect newcomers, who will not know us.

*When you wear your name tag, it is a sign of your willingness to welcome a newcomer or stranger.

*Wearing your name tag is a way to live into Romans 15: "Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God."

Ladies Outing - Dinner and A Movie

Ladies Outing is on the calendar again with plans for dinner & a movie on Thursday, November 6. Meet at Zupas at 2236 S 1300 E at 6:00 p.m. After dinner, we will walk next door to the Sugarhouse Cinemark Movies 10, 2227 S Highland Dr. Both businesses are located in the Sugarhouse Commons Shopping Center near Michael's Craft Store. Admission price for the movie is \$2. If you have any questions or to RSVP, please contact Angie at 801-565-9015 hm, 801-712-9584 cell or at aclmom86@msn.com.

Youth Choir

The youth choir is scheduled to play for the 10:30 am worship on Sunday, November 9th, along with the praise band, ZY Jam.



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YOUTH News

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 you are based on God' purpose for you. Join Lisa Mensinger & special guests once a month in fun activities that invite conversations of God's Purpose for you.

Friend Chick
Monday, November 10
6:30—8:30 pm
Painting with a Twist
Bring a friend, \$20 & a snack to share

Pie Bakers Needed

This year the youth are providing 32 Thanksgiving meals for the Homeless Youth who have secured permanent housing! We need your help in baking & freezing pumpkin pies. Please see Mack Mensinger, Claire Nelson or Brandt Graham for the recipe & ingredients. We will be delivering the meals to the HYRC on Nov. 24.



This year's Service ProHANDS Sunday School ject is making

Grace Socks filled with toothbrush / paste, soap, Chapstick, deodorant, hand sanitizer, etc., for those in need. We encourage you to take a sock & hand it out to someone who can use it. The first sock is **FREE**. We ask for a \$5 donation for each additional sock.

The donated funds will be used to purchase supplies for the socks. Grace socks are on display outside the church library.

Ninth Grade Retreat

Saturday, November 1 - Ninth graders preparing to go through the Rite of Confirmation are encouraged to attend from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. We will listen to people's faith stories & how it connects to Luther's Small Catechism. Thank you to Mary Applegate, Mike Cena & Lorraine Strohacker & Marci Hall.

Detroit Here We COME!!!

12 youth and 3 adults will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit in July. We are blessed to be in partnership with youth attending from Shepherd on the Mountain, Elim & Christ the King. Please pray for Ben Wenzel, Brandt Parker, Claire Nelson, Ethan & Megan White, Mack Mensinger, Greta Hoffman, Luke Widner, Derek & William Miles, Jordan Wolgramm, Jena Johanson & especially for the adults: Bob Hoffman, Bob Wenzel & Lisa Mensinger.

Turkey Kick Off

Sunday, November 23 from 1 to 3 pm.

All youth are welcomed to stay after church for some fun games & community building with other Lutheran youth from the valley. Let's kick-off Thanksgiving with a blast.

Youth Leadership Summit

Mack Mensinger is one of 2 youth selected by the RMS Youth Discipleship Team to participate in the Youth Leadership Summit in Detroit, MI on Nov 13 –16. This summit focuses on leadership development, faith formation and building connections for high school youth in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Be sure to ask her about her experience when you see her.

Lisa Mensinger will be in Detroit Nov 13-16 for the Youth Gathering Synod Day Training.



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

"A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is." 1 John 3:1-3

> 9:30 to 12:30 Ninth Grade Retreat

Pr. Steve will be on vacation from Nov. 5 to 9

Fall Back

ALL SAINTS 2 3 7 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship 9 Yoga 10 Staff Mtg 9 Yoga 9 Yoga 6-Ladies Dinner 9:15 Ed. Hour 10:30 Lib Work & a Movie 10:30 Worship 6:30-8 Meditation Guest Preacher Group 5 Young Adult Heather Monkmeyer Ministry @ ZELC 7-David-organ 6 Violin Recital work 10 11 12 13 14 15 Pr. Gordon Young 9 10 Staff Mtg 7 Men's Bible Study Noon-Lectio 9 Yoga 8:00 Worship 9 Yoga 9 Yoga Divina 6:30 Cong Coun-9:15 Ed. Hour 10:30 Lib Work 1:15 Ext. Staff 6:30-8 Meditation 10:30 Worship cil Mtg 7 LMS Board Mtg Mtg Group Noon Events 6:30-8:30 God 7 Compassionate 5 Young Adult 7-David-organ Chick's Meet Friends Mtg Ministry @ ZELC work Planning Mtg 21 22 16 17 18 20 19 7 Men's Bible Study 6:30-8 Meditation 8:00 Worship 9 Yoga 10 Staff Mtg 9 Yoga 9 Yoga Group 9:15 Ed. Hour 10:30 Lib Work 5 Young Adult 7-David-organ 10:30 Worship Ministry @ ZELC work 3 Baptisms 8 SS teacher mtg ANNUAL MTG 24 25 26 7 Men's Bible Study OFFICE CLOSED OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 Worship 9 Yoga 10 Staff Mtg 9 Yoga 9:15 Ed. Hour 10:30 Lib Work 9 Yoga 10:30 Worship Noon LMS Thanks-5 Young Adult Thanksgiving Holiday giving Feast 1-3 Youth Fun Ministry @ ZELC 3 Book Club 5 Violin Recital ADVENT 30 8:00 Worship 9:15 Ed. Hour Let Me Shine! Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held 10:30 Worship November 10 thru 14, along with the Scholastic Book Fair.

at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

8:00 am	
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Fred Strohacker

Nov 2 Mark & Kathie Supiano Nov 9 Doris Mason

Nov 16 Doris Mason

Nov 23 Doris Mason

Nov 30 Doris Mason

10:30am 2 Jon Hall

Nov 2 Jon Hall Nov 9 Denny Gross

Nov 16 Marsha Gilford

Nov 23 Nov 30

> Alan Erdahl, Bob Hackworth, Warren Patten

Ushers:

Art Sutherland Acolytes:

10:30am

Nov 2 Ethan White & Bradin

Zaba

Nov 9

Nov 16 Ryan Trapp

Nov 23 Andrew Hall & Markus

Zaba

Nov 30

Reader

Nov 2 Nov 9

Nov 9 Eric Hall Nov 16 Ethan White

Nov 23

Nov 30

Altar Guild:

Nov 2	Newton Gilford
Nov 9	Heins Gross
Nov 16	Graham Stewart
Nov 23	Hall Gilford

Nov 30 Newton | Stewart



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Greetings from Sunday School! The month of October was filled with lots of fun and fellowship. Our first ever Blessing of the Animals can be described as the weather for that day, warm and sunny. Many dogs, cats and even hermit crabs received blessing from Pastor Steve and the Sunday school students enjoyed crafting and socializing. With the generous offerings for the ELCA's Global Barnyard, we were able to purchase 2 goats, 1 pig, honey bees, and lots of chickens. Thank you to all who donated.

We celebrated Reformation Sunday by joining all the classes to learn about the changes the Reformation brought to the church. The youth played a huge role by guiding the younger classes through stations were they learned about indulgences, the Lutheran Rose, music, and even root beer and brats.

Upcoming events include: All Saints Day celebration November 2 during Sunday school. On All Saints day, we will learn about Día de los Muertos, enjoy food from each family's heritage and decorate sugar skulls. Starting November 30, each student will receive their own Advent wreath to take home. During each week of Advent all students will gather for the last 10 minutes of class to join in an advent devotional for that week. See you at Sunday school! Louise Nelson + Stephanie Metos

