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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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

The Herald

A Word from the Pastor...

So, how is it going for Lent? What are you doing for Lent? I am not asking about what you have given up for Lent, as if this season is only another version spring time new year resolutions. In fact, I am no longer an advocate of giving up things for Lent, unless it means that I can give up chanting the Sunday morning liturgy. Rather, I invite you to take up something new. Take up a new spiritual exercise, remembering that exercise builds strength. Take up quiet time. Take a prayer walk. Whatever you are doing for Lent, let it begin with something that is good for your soul.

What is true for our personal journey in Lent is true for our faith community. We cannot do Lent alone. We cannot live out our faith as individuals. G.K. Chesterton said that we are together in the Body of Christ, "...not as pebbles together in a box of sand, but as a branch is connected to a vine." So what is something new that we need to take up as Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church? At our recent vision retreat we identified four themes: growing in faith formation as Lutheran Christians; exploring how we serve and connect our faith with the world; how we build community (with communication and connections); taking on new and renewed ways to invite, welcome, and integrate newcomers (and one another) in our faith community.

Lent, like our faith journey, is ever new. It is leading us on.

May the Spirit continue to renew..... in and through Christ,

Pastor Steve Klemz

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2015

For the month of January, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year amounted to \$23,440, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$34,128. This is 69% of the amount needed to balance our budget for this 4-week period.

Speaking as the Treasurer, I would like to encourage a regular giving habit throughout the year, in order to avoid the panics we have encountered in past Christmas seasons. Calculating from last year's giving shortfall of \$20,000 and the increases in this year's budget, we need a 10% increase in giving from everyone this year.

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 currently have received \$40,657, which can be used to begin the upgrades.

We praise God for your generosity.
Yours in Christ, Fred Strohacker,
Church Council Treasurer



View from the Pew:

My research is not very scientific, consisting of reading an analysis of Twitter commentary on the subject and listening to sports radio, but I've concluded that Lent is mocked more than any other Christian observance.

This is due to the practice of "giving up" something as an element of sacrifice during the 40-day period leading to Easter. It is well intended, in terms of discipline and re-evaluation of what is important to us. And in that sense, it can be meaningful. Of course, that is not always the case. That study of Twitter responses to the question of what people are giving up this year determined that matters relating to "school" dominated the conversation, suggesting that the issue is not being taken very seriously. Same with the local radio guys.

Again, that's just a sampling of society, and many people are dedicated to the practice, to their spiritual benefit. But my thought is that merely giving up something as a form of self-discipline may not have as much impact as actually committing to do something. So that would be my suggestion during this Lenten period, for us to be proactive about a cause or a spiritual matter, trying to accomplish or learn something in the process.

Above all, Lent is an important part of the church year, and it should be treated as more than just the time that follows Mardi Gras and precedes Easter.

~Kurt Kragthorpe



CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR MARCH:

FOOD OF THE MONTH: go to crossroadsurbancenter.org for
THRIFT STORE NEEDS: all the details.

Library Corner: The following books have been generously donated to the library: "The Book of Psalms" by Biblica; "What is Christianity?" by Walter Lowrie; "Revelation as History" by Wolfhart Pannenberg; "To See A World in a Grain of Sand" by Caesar Johnson; "The Apostle Paul—His Life and His Work" by Olaf Moe.

Resource feature: The Upper Room "**Pockets**" is a monthly magazine Zion receives for elementary and middle school ages. Check them out! Lots of great ideas for connecting kids with God! They are located in the resource section (next to the children's book display).

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

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



WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP:

Many organizations today have what they term "core values," concepts that specify not so much WHAT the group does but rather WHY and HOW it believes and behaves as it does. Similarly, "Christian Values" are behaviors identified and exemplified by Christ that, as Christians, we should strive to imitate.

During the weeks of Lent, the season of trying to be more Christ-like, you are invited to join with the youth each Wednesday evening to study and discuss five fundamental Christian values: **FAITH (Feb 25); HUMILITY (Mar 4); CHARITY/ GENEROSITY (Mar 11); FORGIVENESS/ GRACE (Mar 18); and COMPASSION/ MERCY (Mar 25).**

We plan to review scripture relating to these values, recall what Christ said and (more importantly) did to demonstrate these values, and ultimately address how these values can influence our own behaviors and actions in our every-day lives.

These brief, casual, and contemplative services are held in the Atrium at 7pm, following a light soup supper at 6pm. The early part of worship will be for younger children.

Please contact Liz Prystas (eprystas@earthlink.net) or Lisa Mensinger (youth@zelc.org) with questions or suggestions, or if you would like to participate in any way. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

March 29th—Palm Sunday

April 2nd—Maundy Thursday

6pm Soup Supper; 7pm Worship

April 3rd—Good Friday

Noon Worship; 7pm Worship

April 5th—Easter Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship

Easter Brunch 8:30am-10:00am



It was during the Jewish Holiday of Pesach (Passover) when Jesus ate his last meal with his disciples. This meal as a prophetic element testified to the soon to be crucified Christ. Jesus explained to the disciples that he was indeed the real Passover Lamb sent by God to be sacrificed for the sin of all mankind. Thus fulfilling the Old Testament Law. For this reason during the Easter Season the ZELC Community observes the Last Supper with a Seder Meal Banquet.

The Seder is a ritual performed by a community or by multiple generations of a family, involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. This story is in the Book of Exodus (Shemot) in the Hebrew Bible. The Seder itself is based on the Biblical verse commanding Jews to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt: "You shall tell your child on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'" (Exodus 13:8) Traditionally, families and friends gather in the evening to read the text of the Haggadah, an ancient work derived from the Mishnah (Pesachim 10).[1][2] The Haggadah contains the narrative of the Israelite exodus from Egypt, special blessings and rituals, commentaries from the Talmud, and special Passover songs.

Come celebrate with ZELC in the Jewish tradition at the Seder Meal Banquet. Bring your whole family and friends. This is a wonderful get-together with customs that include telling the story, discussing the story, drinking four cups of wine/grape juice, eating Matza, partaking of symbolic foods placed on the Passover Seder Plate, and reclining in celebration of freedom.



Greetings from Sunday School-

Zion has been blessed with many wonderful children this year and we hope to continue to grow. Also, we are happy to report student attendance has improved a lot. Great job students and parents for coming to Sunday school! Please know that all children are welcome to attend Sunday school anytime. Our Sunday school children are a casual and fun group that is very welcoming to all. So if you have or know of children please invite them to come. Here are this month's notes:

March 1st – Prayer Sunday school—All children will meet in the Terrace room for the fun to begin. Sunday school will focus on prayer, what prayer is, why we pray, and different prayer experiences. Classes will rotate every 15 minutes to different prayer experiences. Pastor Steve and Susan will lead groups and a yummy snack is planned. Parents are invited to stay to learn about prayer partners. We are matching every Sunday school student with a loving adult as their prayer partner to pray for each child.

March 29th – Palm Sunday—We will spend the Sunday school hour rehearsing for the 10:30 Palm Sunday worship. All Sunday school students will be adding music and song to celebrate Palm Sunday during worship.

April 5 – Easter! As a reminder, there is no Sunday school on Easter Sunday. The youth of Zion prepare and serve a wonderful brunch to the congregation to support all their youth activities. We will have small activities to entertain the kids, a few crafts and possibly a small egg hunt!

In Christ, Louise & Stephanie

SINE NOMINE UTAH YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

If you are between 18-25 yrs old you are invited to Sine Nomine where we talk about living as a Lutheran Christian over coffee or lunch. We will meet MONTHLY at Noon at a designated food establishment. Check out the FB Page: Sine Nomine or contact one of us: James Gardner, jas.Gardner@utah.edu.; Diane Gardner, d52gardner@yahoo.com; Lisa Mensinger, youth@zelc.org

Gathering Dates: March 22, April 26 & May 31 Additional Opportunities: **See the Young Adult Interfaith (opp. Page)**

With gratitude, we celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week – March 1-6



Thank you! --- and we give thanks:

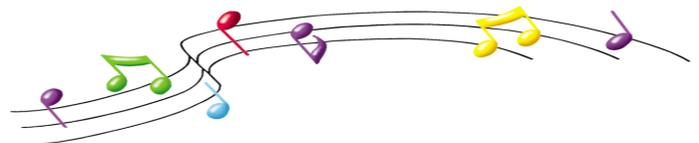
- for parents and children who attend Let Me Shine!
- for Barb Ballif, whose nurturing love has shaped the Let Me Shine community;
- for the 10th Anniversary of Barb Ballif's leadership as Let Me Shine Director;
- for the passionate love and commitment of Let Me Shine teachers;
- for the caring and loving service provided by Let Me Shine staff and aides;
- for the children, who teach us about the joy of God's good creation;
- for the support of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church;
- for the planning and support provided by the Let Me Shine Board of Trustees;
- for the many volunteers who enhance the ministry of Let Me Shine;
- for Miss Holly and all she does with staff and children;
- for Miss Genie, teaching us new ways to sing our praises;
- for the presence of the Holy Spirit shining among us.

All are welcome to sing songs of gratitude at our special worship in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 1, at 10:30 (children arrive at 10:15).

In His Service,
Pastor Steve Klemz

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MUSIC CAMP!

The dates are set: **July 27-31, 2015 concluding on Sunday, August 2nd at the 10am worship!** Mark your calendars—for children who have completed Kindergarten through the sixth grade.





IN OUR PRAYERS:

God’s grace be sufficient with Merribeth Anderson and Lorraine Strohacker; strength and healing for Dorothy Sigvardt; peace with Paul Krehbiel, Bryce and Christian, Kent, our brothers in Christ in the UT State Prison. Pray for our community of faith in Zion; and new life for those in addiction.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—FEBRUARY, 2015

Rocky Mtn. Synod Assembly: Bishop Jim Gonia requests all Utah ELCA congregations to worship at the Synod Assembly being held in Salt Lake City on May 3rd.

Motion made, seconded and passed that we pay the registration, food and parking for Dianne Krehbiel to attend the American Choral Directors Association Convention.

March 1st Prayer Partner Sunday School activities. There will be combined Sunday School during the 9:15 – 10:15 Sunday School hour and Prayer Partners will be chosen.

RECEPTION FOR FRIENDS OF CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015

Complimentary appetizers and cash bar 6pm to 8pm at The Leonardo’s *No Fixed Address photo exhibit on homelessness*. Exhibit open to the general public 8pm to 9pm. (209 East 500 South) Please join us so we can thank you for supporting Crossroads! For more information call 801-364-7765 or go to www.crossroadsurbancenter.org.



If you are 18-25 yrs old, interesting in gathering with fellow Christians performing service, here’s another option: We will gather at the ECCU (75 S 200 E) & enjoy a meal with other young adults as Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck shares with us how we can get involved in issues that matter to us in Utah. Check out the Young Adult Interfaith FB page or talk to Lisa Mensinger.



All are welcome to Pastor Steve’s Lenten Bible Study.

We meet from 11:00 a.m. to noon, Thursdays in the Church library. In the study, we will explore the Passion of our Lord through the eyes of those closest to Jesus.

March 5 – *Simon Peter*

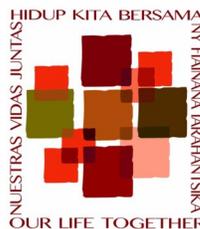
March 12 – *Judas*

March 19 – *Mary Magdalene*

March 26 – *“A certain young man” from Mark 14:51*

Spring Bible Study with Pastor Steve

“Reading the Bible from the Place of the Poor ... and the rejected, the barren, the sinner, the leper and the outsider.” All are welcome. No prior knowledge or expertise in Bible study is needed. Beginning Sunday morning, **March 8**, 9:15 – 10:15 in the atrium.



Our Life Together 2015 Synod Assembly

May 1-3

Sheraton Hotel
Salt Lake City

Registration deadline is March 27th.

Go to <http://rmselca.org/synod/assembly15/registration.htm> to register.

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

Detroit Here We COME!!!

Sunday, March 15 from 1 to 3 pm
Prep Meeting

All Youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit please plan to attend a Get-Together with all the youth from SLC. Information about the trip will be shared & we will get to know the other youth attending.

Bowling

Sunday, March 22 from 1 to 3 pm

Youth from Shepherd of the Mountain have invited our Youth Group to join them bowling at Jupiter Bowling in Park City. Bring \$5 and your "bowling style" for an afternoon of fun & getting to know other Lutherans. RSVP to Lisa by **March 15**.

Homeless Youth Resource Center

The VOA-HYRC has opportunities for us to serve dinners again!!! Woohoo! We begin to serve at 4 pm. If you are interested in providing a dinner, let Lisa know. The youth will be serving the meals on the following dates:

March 9 ☉ April 6 ☉ May 18 ☉ June 1

Thanks to Trio Restaurant for providing the meal on June 1.

This year's Sunday School Service Project 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.



All Youth

Get ready to be involved with the mid-week Lenten Worship Series
February 25 to April 3, 2015



Easter Brunch

Sunday, April 5
8:30 to 10:00 am

Youth will be providing and serving divine food for everyone on this special day of the year. Please join us. Free will donations are accepted and will be used to sponsor Youth activities & trips.

SAVE the DATE

HomeTown MoTown Dinner

Youth Fundraiser

May 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

We will be selling raffles for cool Gift Baskets at the end of April.

Souper Bowl of Caring Update

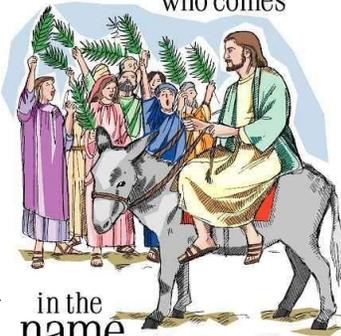
Thank you to all who helped raise \$686 and 400 food items on February 1st. Thanks to your efforts, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need.



Souper Bowl of Caring Lock-In; Feb 6-7



“Blessed is the king
who comes



in the
name
of the **Lord!**”

Luke 19:38

March, 2015

at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

- 8:00 am**
 Mar 1 Doris Mason
 Mar 8 Fred Strohacker
 Mar 15 Doris Mason
 Mar 22 Fred Strohacker
 Mar 29 Doris Mason
10:30am
 Mar 1 Scott Reuschel
 Mar 8 Denny Gross
 Mar 15 Mel Hamor
 Mar 22 Jon Hall
 Mar 29 Erin Basta

Ushers:

Doug Graham, Chuck Schmitt, John Krehbiel

Acolytes:

Reader

- Mar 1 Ethan White
 Mar 8 Lauren Swidnicki
 Mar 15
 Mar 22
 Mar 29

Altar Guild:

- Mar 1 Carrie & Holly
 Mar 8 Ann Marie & Denny
 Mar 15 Newton & Stewart
 Mar 22 Marci & Marsha
 Mar 29 Jan & Denny

Counters:

- Mar 2 Janice & AnnMarie
 Mar 9 Judy & Jan
 Mar 15 Paula & Doug
 Mar 24 Marilyn & Janice
 Mar 29 Kurt & Bob

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.”

Psalm 22:27

1 8 Worship 9:15 Intergenerational SS hour 10:30 Worship LMS Children Singing	2 9 Yoga	3 10 Staff Mtg 10:30 Lib. Work 11:40 LMS Chapel	4 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 10 Utah Conf. Mtg 6 Soup Supper 7 Lenten Worship	5 11 Lenten Bible Study-Library 6:30-8 Med. Group 7 David—Organ work	6 9 Yoga	7
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LMS Preschool on Spring Break



**Office Administrator will be on vacation the first week of March.

LMS Preschool will hold Parent/Teacher Conferences March 9th-March 13th, along with a book fair.



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Your feedback is welcome on the information on our site.



Celebrate Lutheran Schools Week

With

Let Me Shine Preschool

Sunday, March 1st - 10:30 Worship

Preschool children and their families are invited to worship. The children will sing during worship, led by Miss Genie, the music teacher.




QUILTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

with love and a prayer

Can you tie a knot? If so, join us to create quilts to be given to Crossroads Urban Center.

Women from several denominations gather every other month at a different location to visit and tie quilts.

Join Verna and me in hosting the event in April at Zion Lutheran Church, Thursday, April 9, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Contact Verna Hanson or Erin Basta for more information.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE:

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There are lots of ways to give at ZELC! You can go online to our website and contribute your offerings through Paypal; through Vanco Services electronic giving by contacting the church office; or by check or cash in your weekly giving envelopes. Need a box of envelopes? Contact the church office at 801.582.2321 or office@zelc.org.

He showed me this, then, as you have decided, our will exist as out of a sense of duty, for God loves the one who gives gladly. 2 Corinthians 9:7

It is simple and easy to support ZELC's many programs and ministries. Simply go to www.zelc.org/giving Or scan the QR Code to redirect

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