

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, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age or race.

We are a Reconciling in Christ community. All are welcome.



A Word from the Pastor...

Lisa Mensinger and I have been in conversation for a long time. No, better stated, Lisa and I and the Holy Spirit have been talking with one another for a long time. It has been a holy conversation. However, even though the Spirit has been present, it does not mean that the Spirit's presence is peaceful. The Holy Spirit has moved Lisa into a holy restlessness, a holy curiosity, and a holy stirring. Like Moses' encounter with the burning bush, Lisa finds herself on holy ground. In the church we often describe this experience as a time for discernment. But I dare not allow this to be a one-side conversation. Listen to what Lisa has to say.

"Funny how Pastor Steve uses one of my favorite people in the bible - Moses. How many excuses did he give God as to WHY he's NOT the man for the job God has asked him to do? Yet, Moses eventually complies. Well, here I am finally. I've exhausted all the excuses that I could mustard up to not pursue the ELCA candidacy process. Thanks to Pastor Steve with his amazing amount of patience, several spiritual counseling sessions with Heather Monkmeyer, working with the youth, and hearing my supportive family and friends ask me, "So, when are you finally going to stop coming up with excuses and jump into the holy pastoral pool?"

Ta-da! Here I go, exploring this gentle tug to become a pastor that has been pulling me over the past 22 years while I've been walking along side youth in church. During this discernment process, as long as the people of Zion will still want me, I plan on staying at Zion while attending Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO to pursue the Journey Master of Divinity Degree which is a hybrid on-line program for people like me who want to stay where they are but want to pursue a seminary degree.

On August 20, I travel to Denver to the synod office to have my Entrance Interview. I'm nervous but feel an odd sense of peace. All I know is that when I die, I just don't want to be standing before God giving excuses why I didn't use all the gifts God gave me nor do I want to tell God why I didn't respond, "Here I am Lord. Ready to roll with whatever you want me to do."

I pray the people of Zion will keep me in prayer and be willing to walk along side me as I go through discerning what God has been calling me to do."

Shalom,
Lisa Mensinger

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

10:00am Worship

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2015

For the month of June, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year amounted to \$22,641, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$34,128. This is 66% of the amount needed to balance our budget for this 4-week period. Year to date, we have received \$170,471, or 84% of funds needed to balance our budget.

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. Consider the benefits we all derive from our congregational mission, including our ministry of the gospel, youth ministry, music ministries, Bible study, small groups, helpful staff, special events such as the Greater Zion Day and VBS, and a comfortable building to worship and teach.

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 \$47,057, which can be used to begin the upgrades.

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Fred Strohacker,
Church Council Treasurer

If you shop on-line, register with shop2care.org and several major retailers will donate to charitable causes with each purchase you make. Crossroads is the Utah charity in the "Human Services" cause.



View from the Pew:

As I'm writing this, I'm in Zion's library, listening to music. There's a good vibe in the building, and it goes beyond the music being learned and performed during the annual Vacation Bible School.

This is an encouraging week for me every year, regarding Zion's mission. Sometimes, it is easy to wonder and worry about the degree of impact the church is having. In that sense, VBS is reassuring in so many ways. All you have to do is come in and eat lunch with a group of children, as I've done for a few days, to get a sense of the energy and enthusiasm this program creates. I'm always impressed by the commitment of the teachers, organizers and helpers. That's especially true of junior high and high school youth who could be spending their summer days a lot of different ways, but they're willing to give their time and talent to this cause. I can't give them enough credit for doing so.

And the students are engaged in the process, all day long. That's a compliment to them and the teachers, and the interactive nature of the program is healthy.

Overall, VBS is a reminder of how Zion's ministry extends further than the 75-minute worship service each Sunday. A lot of good work is being done inside and outside of this place during the week, and I can only commend everyone who plays a part in it.

~Kurt Kragthorpe



CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR AUGUST:

Please remember Crossroads during the summer months! They get desperately low on food items.

FOOD OF THE MONTH: Check the Crossroads website
THRIFT STORE NEEDS: for updated information.

Library Corner: 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!



Small Group for Parents with Young Children

Are you interested in getting together with other Parents with Young Children? Please plan to meet with Pastor Steve 9:30 to 9:45am on the church playground on Sunday, September 13th.

Promise Sundae

Sunday, August 23rd 11:15 am

All 7th-9th graders & parents please plan to attend our annual Faith Formation Kick-Off Sundae Party with Bishop Gonia, Pastor Steve, Lisa Mensinger & Marci Hall. Anyone interested in becoming confirmed, please plan to attend.

RSVP 8/16/15 to Lisa.

Pastor Christine Higuera-Street has accepted the call to be the redevelopment pastor at St. Matthew's, 2654 West 5200 South, in Taylorsville. Her installation service will be Sunday, August 2nd at 4:00PM at St. Matthew's, 2654 Builders Dr., Taylorsville. All are invited to attend. Bishop Jim Gonia will be preaching and presiding. Dinner will be served immediately following the installation service.

Utah Motor Cycle Update – currently other Rocky Mountain Synod churches are working to add to the \$3404 donated by Utahans late last year towards our goal of raising \$10,000 for the purchase of 4 motorcycles for pastors in our 4 companion synods in the Lutheran Church in Madagascar. There will be fund raising events this summer in Colorado (a Faster Pastors run) and in Wyoming as well as a similar Free Will Offering campaign in New Mexico to the one we had in Utah.

In addition we have received donations from 2 church endowments so we have passed the halfway point in our fund raising and, hopefully, by late summer of this year we will have reached the \$10,000 target.

Thanks again to all those in Utah who have donated and put us well ahead of the pack. I will keep you updated on how the other states respond to our challenge. *Michael King, Mount Tabor Lutheran*



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Financial would like to invite you and a friend to our Annual Lutherfest at Murray Park. Join us for brats, hot dogs, German potato salad and more.

Saturday, August 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Lunch served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
Murray Park - Pavilion #2 (296 E Murray Park Ave) - Enter Park off of 5300 South.

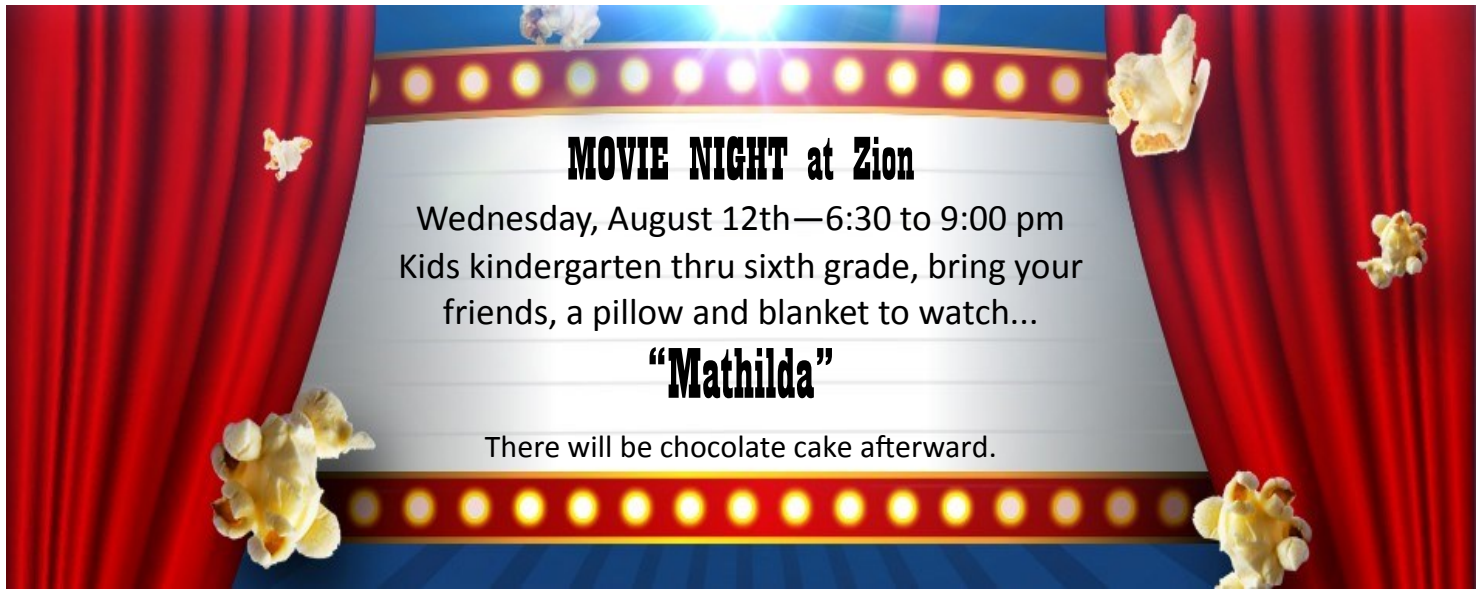
Activities will include crafts, a bounce house, and volleyball. There will be a FREE Shred Truck available from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Family Promise will be collecting gently used electronics (must be in working condition).

Come one, come all!! The **annual Salmon Run** will be held Saturday, August 22 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! Suggested donation \$10 per person. Please sign up in the narthex.



Bread Sunday Coffee Hour—Bread is the theme from Sunday's Gospel (John 6) throughout the month of August. We celebrate Jesus, the Bread of Life, and we share the good news of bread broken for us in Holy Communion. The only celebration missing is bread shared for fellowship. So, on Sunday, August 16, we will celebrate "Bread Sunday" during the coffee hour. If you make bread or know of a good place to purchase fresh bread, please share it at the coffee hour following worship.

Everyone is invited to the **Coalition of Religious Communities' (CORC)** August meeting at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Mark, 231 E. 100 S., at 8:30 Am on August 20th. Topics that will be discussed include Medicaid expansion, restricting payday lending, and raising the minimum wage for servers (i.e., waiters and waitresses), which is currently \$2.13 per hour. Please park by the northeast corner of the Cathedral complex and enter from the parking lot.



JULY LMS CAMP—COMMUNITY HELPERS!

DRIVING THROUGH OUR 'CAR WASH'!



PLAYING DRESS UP!



HANGIN' WITH OUR FIREFIGHTER FRIENDS!

EVEN GOT TO SIT IN THE FIRE TRUCK!



We had a fun week learning from the Parables of Jesus.



IN OUR PRAYERS:

God's grace be sufficient with Lorraine Strohacker and Ray Fehr; strength and healing for Ethel Olson and Lacy Foulks; peace with Paul Krehbiel, Bryce and Christian, our brothers in Christ in the UT prison. For Kent in time of trial. Pray for our community of faith in Zion; and new life for those in addiction. For Celeste, Taylor, Erin, Amber, Megan, Sara, Megan and all mother's with child.

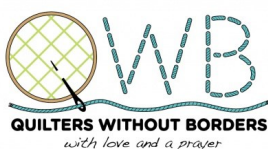


The response for the 14th annual Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament has been very good from the "traditional" participants and we are very

appreciative of their loyalty. To further support Let Me Shine Play & Preschool at Zion, we are hoping more players will join us. So please consider promoting the event among golfers you know. Compared with all other charitable tournaments, our fee is low and the percentage that we contribute to LMS is high, because of the rate we receive at Stansbury Park Golf Course by playing on a Sunday afternoon.

The event is Aug. 30, with tee times beginning at 1 p.m. and going to about 2:30, depending on the number of groups. The cost is \$50 per person, payable to Let Me Shine. The deadline for paid registration is Aug. 16.

Last chance—would you like to share your musical talent in worship this summer? If so, please contact Diane Gardner at d52gardner@yahoo.com or 801/938-9520.



The next Quilters Without Borders (quilt tying for charities) meeting is on Thursday, Aug. 6th 7-8 pm at

Grandeur Peak Ward, 3640 East Millstream Lane (3510 S). Women from various congregations meet for conversation and quilt tying. Contact Verna Hanson or Erin Basta for more info.

Christ the King mission congregation in South Jordan, Utah, to close August 23rd



The Rocky Mountain Synod Council has made the difficult decision to close the mission congregation currently served by Pastor Emily Ewing in South Jordan, Utah. For the past nine years, this unique "storefront" ministry has faithfully witnessed to the Good News of Christ in the unique Utah context, and we give thanks for Pastor Emily's ministry.

The Service of Holy Closure will take place on Sunday, August 23 at **5 p.m.** at 10318 Redwood Rd #16, South Jordan, UT 84095. All are invited to join with Bishop Gonia in giving thanks for this ministry as it comes to a conclusion.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 12, 2015

South Towne Expo Center

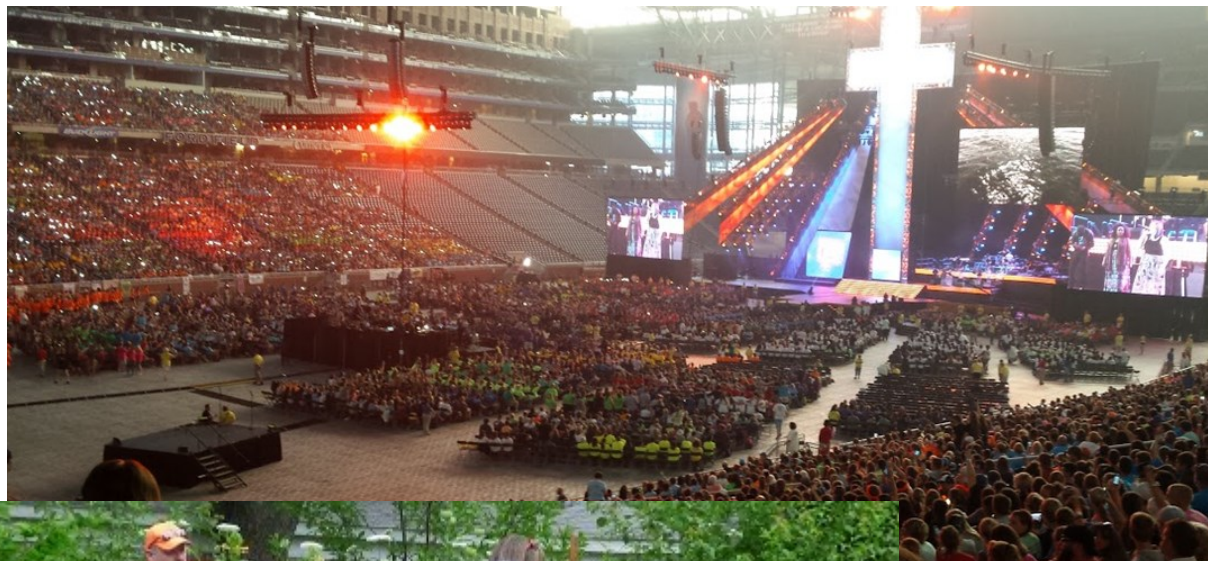
Walk Now for Autism Speaks

As you may know, Norma and I are guardians for Micah Steven Klemz, who just turned four years of age. Last December Micah was diagnosed with Mild Spectrum Autism. At every step in the way in our journey to support Micah, we have experienced people who are incredibly committed, competent, and compassionate, within their caring help for children like Micah. *Autism Speaks* has done great work in helping to raise public awareness about autism. It also helps to fund biomedical research into the causes, prevention, and treatments for autism.

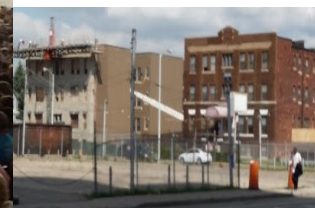
On September 12, Norma and I will participate in *Walk Now for Autism Speaks*. We are seeking donations for our part in the walk, which will help to change the future for all who struggle with autism. Thank you for your prayers and your pledge. Checks may be made payable to *Autism Speaks* or Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, note "Autism Speaks" or use the donation form available in the church entrance hall.

To learn more about Autism Speaks, please visit AutismSpeaks.org.

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



ELCA Youth Gathering Detroit 2015



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Proclaim justice.**



Read more about the youth gathering experience on our website.

www.zelc.org



August, 2015

The 14th Annual

Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament

To benefit Let Me Shine! Christian Preschool

Sunday, August 30, 2015
Stansbury Park Golf Course
Tee times begin at 1:00 pm



Signup in the Narthex or online at:
www.ormgolftourney.bringit.bz/public/753055

at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

10:00am

Aug 2 Denny Gross
Aug 9 Jane Erdahl
Aug 16 Marsha Gilford
Aug 23 Erin Basta
Aug 30 M & K Supiano

Ushers:

Peter Staks, Eric Hinderaker,
Scott Reuschel + Volunteers

Altar Guild:

Aug 2 S & M Newton
Denny Gross
Aug 9 Marci Hall
B & L Stewart
Aug 16 Ann Marie Mogren
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Aug 23 Carrie Hinderaker
Melissa Livengood
Aug 30 Jan Heins
Holly Graham

Counters:

Aug 2 Bob & Doug
Aug 10 Barbara & Jan
Aug 17 Marilyn & Ron
Aug 24 Marci & Paul
Aug 31 AnnMarie & Judy

Greeters:

Aug 2 Robert & Alane Boyd
Aug 9 John Bailey & Jessie Gustin
Aug 16 Kurt & Sandra Kragthorpe
Aug 23 Angie Reuschel
Aug 30 John Bailey & Jessie Gustin

Pr. Steve will be on vacation August 4-15, 2015. For pastoral emergencies, please contact the church office or Pastor David Nichols, Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church 801-328-0521.

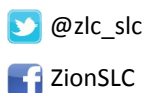
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<p><i>"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."</i> Matthew 19:14</p>						
						1 11 am Bathroom & classroom floors cleaned
2 10 am Worship VBS Children singing	3 9 Yoga Church building carpets cleaned all day	4	5 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 2:20 pm Staff Mtg	6 6—David organ work 6:30—8pm Meditation Group	7 9 Yoga	8 9-Noon Kitchen in use
9 10 am Worship Pr. Gordon Young, Preaching & Presiding	10 9 Yoga 6:30—Church council mtg	11 2:20 Staff Mtg 7 Compassionate Friends	12 Office Closed 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 6:30-9 pm Movie Night	13 Office Closed 6—David organ work 6:30—8pm Meditation Group	14 Office Closed 9 Yoga	15 LMS Teacher & Aide Workshop
16 10 am Worship Mel Hamor, Preaching	17 Office Closed 9 Yoga	18 Office Closed	19 Office Closed 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga	20 Office Closed 6—David organ work 6:30—8pm Meditation Group	21 9 Yoga	22 Breathe Deep SLC 5K/Walk Fun Run @ Sugarhouse Park 6 pm Salmon Run @ Supiano's
23 Promise Sundae 10 am Worship Bishop Jim Gonia, Preaching Baptism Madison Adelaide Sandell	24 9 Yoga	25 3—Book Club	26 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 2:20 pm Staff Mtg	27 6—David organ work 6:30—8pm Meditation Group	28 9 Yoga 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal	29 Noon—3 pm Mohler / Hallman Wedding
30 10 am Worship 1 pm Olivia Rose Golf Tournament, Stansbury Park	31 9 Yoga 7—LMS Back to School Night					

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Office Administrator will be on vacation August 12—20, 2015.



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SAVE THE DATE:
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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—JULY, 2015

- Zion will provide a monthly Sunday evening worship, 'Living Water' at the beginning of each month; time to be determined; beginning this fall.
- A Neighborhood/Community party has been set for Sept. 26 in the evening, probably from 5-7 p.m. at Zion. This will include an outdoor BBQ, games, benefit drawing, and hopefully music.

It is our privilege to welcome Bishop Jim Gonia as our guest preacher on Sunday, August 23. Before serving as Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod, Pr. Jim was a missionary in Madagascar, a parish pastor and ELCA Director of ELCA West Africa, Madagascar and Tanzania mission. Bishop Gonia is a passionate preacher who proclaims the breadth and depth of the Gospel, often citing ways that "We are church: Better together." However, the best reason to hear Bishop Gonia's comes from Mack Mensinger, fresh upon her return from ELCA Youth Gathering: "Bishop Gonia is one of the few pastors I actually listen to." Save the date. Bring a friend or neighbor.



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LUNGEVITY FOUNDATION'S
BREATHE DEEP
SALT LAKE CITY
5K WALK & FUN RUN
TO END LUNG CANCER
Sugar House Park
Salt Lake City, UT
Saturday, August 22, 2015
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2015-2016 ZELC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Formation Team Leader, Alyce Gross; Evangelism Team Leader, Jessie Gustin; Advocacy Team
Leader, Doris Mason; Building/Grounds Team Leader, Brent Menlove.

Open positions: Vice-President and Congregational Life Team Leader