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

We are a Reconciling in Christ community.

All are welcome.



**FALL WORSHIP:**  
**Sunday school 9:15am**  
**8:00am & 10:30am**

# The Herald

## A Word from the Pastor...

November. It is the month of transition and change, when beginnings are endings and endings are beginnings. The mountains will shed the beauty of fall colors to wear a blanket of snow. All Saints' Sunday calls us to remember those who have completed their earthly baptismal journey but now live in the new day Christ's resurrection peace. On Christ the King Sunday we celebrate our Lord who holds heaven and earth in hand yet, one week later, Advent calls to pray with empty hands, "Come, Lord Jesus." November gathers us into homecomings to give thanks for the bounty of God's blessing. But this year's Thanksgiving is set in the midst of the largest global refugee crisis in history.

In November our congregation gathers in annual meeting. We will reflect upon all that we have done and all that we have left undone. It is the time for new beginnings, to promise and to claim the mission and ministry the Spirit has entrusted to us.

Through all of our comings and goings, November is a good time to listen anew to God's presence in our transitions. The spiritual teacher of Ecclesiastes believed that our faith embraces the whole of life, even as seasons come and go. Instead of avoiding life's change and challenges, we are called to listen for God's inspiration and presence with us. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (see Ecclesiastes 3:1-8).

In whatever season or place you find yourself in the days ahead, know that every such time and place has been prepared for you. Jesus will have been there ahead of you. He will be there with you as he has promised: "I go to prepare a place for you....my Father and I will come and make a home with you ... my peace I give to you which is not the peace the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (from John 14).

Peace --- or, better stated in Jesus language, "Shalom." It is the word for greeting and farewell, the word for wholeness and life lived the way God intended, which make it a good word for beginnings that are endings and endings that are beginnings and the perfect word for November.

*Pastor Steve*

## GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2015

For the month of September, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year amounted to \$32,191, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$34,128. This is 88% of the amount needed to balance our budget for this 4-week period. Year to date, we have received \$294,503, or 88% of funds needed to balance our budget.

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 and to avoid impact to our savings. 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, VBS, Octoberfest, 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 \$50,324, which can be used to begin the upgrades.

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,  
Fred Strohacker, Church Council Treasurer

### CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER:

**FOOD OF THE MONTH:**  
Visit the Crossroads website for the details.



### View from the Pew:

We all have experienced loss of life. In some cases, there is someone to blame for what happened.

That becomes a complicated subject. Knowing that Luke Reuschel had chosen "Forgiveness" as the subject of his Faith Formation paper, I took him to the movie "Just Let Go." My expressed purpose in choosing this event over another bonding event such as golf or a Cubs telecast was that after he watched a movie about forgiveness, his paper would "write itself."

I'm not sure about that now. Ultimately, I don't know how any of us would deal with what Salt Lake City resident Chris Williams experienced in 2007, as portrayed in the movie. His pregnant wife and two of her children were killed in an auto accident on 20<sup>th</sup> East, right on my regular route to Zion. He immediately forgave the 17-year-old, drunk driver of the other vehicle (although he takes so longer to do so, in the movie version). His response stemmed from his own experience as a teenager, when he accidentally killed a child who ran into the street. That boy's family forgave him, which obviously shaped his own perspective years later.

Forgiveness is an interesting subject. It is more common for us to seek forgiveness from God than to be in a position of deciding whether or not to forgive someone else. When we're faced with such a choice, it is not always as simple or automatic as we would like it to be. As the Salt Lake Valley scenes of the movie resonate with me, I can conclude only that I will be very interested to see what Luke has to say about forgiveness, and I know I will learn something from his work.

~Kurt Kragthorpe



### Library Corner: Copies of the Lutheran Magazine and the Smithsonian are available in the library!

The following books have been added to the library:

- “An Extravagant Hunger” by Anne Zimmerman
- “Men to Match My Mountains: The Opening of the Far West, 1840-1900” by Irving Stone
- “Clifford’s Thanksgiving Visit” by Norman Bridwell
- “Thanksgiving Is...” by Louise Borden
- “God Bless Our Fall” by Hannah C Hall

### **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!



**Funeral coordinator needed at Zion**—looking for a way to serve in our community of faith? We are in need of a funeral coordinator; someone who would take care of the small details surrounding a memorial service or funeral held at ZELC. These duties would include arranging tables as needed, greeting the family and guests at church, making sure there is water in the baptismal font, fresh batteries in the headset, patrolling the parking lots during the service as well as keeping an eye on things in the building.



This year's **Missional Gatherings** in each conference will help us explore our theme for the year, "Many Voices, One Song." The church

is made of many voices, and each voice is as distinctive as the person or the community that sings it. The wonder of the project is how the voices all come together to make one song.

But really, the voices don't make the song; the song invites the voices to take up the project of making God's music. That is because the song is God's-God's love song for this world loved so deeply and always unfolding in Jesus' good news. We come together this fall to listen for the song and join our voices to the "Gospel music" God is making in the world. All Zion council members are encouraged to attend. It is also open to congregations.

Register at:

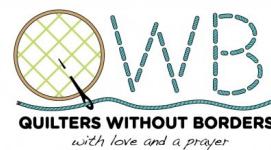
[\*\*REGISTER NOW AT THIS LINK\*\*](#)

**CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER—"Give a Gobble" at Harmons!** November 1st thru 24th, 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—call 801-364-7765 for additional information.

Dear friends at Zion Lutheran Church,

The ministries at Zion meant a lot to my mother, Lorraine, for the years that she lived with Linda and I. She was welcomed as a church member as well as a friend by everyone here, and she loved that. As she was failing in the last year, the many visits by Pastor Steve and many of the members, as well as the notes and cards sent, showed your love and Christian faith. We thank you all for this demonstration of Christ's love with my mother, and finally, we thank everyone who made the memorial service so meaningful for our family.

Linda and Fred Strohacker and family



We have rescheduled the October Quilters meeting to Thursday Nov. 5th at St Ambrose in Gosselin Hall. Enter the sanctuary through the doors on the northeast corner.

Valoree will direct folks from there.

Please note this is a different building from the Vaughn Center where we usually meet. St. Ambrose just south of the Vaughn Center building. The address is 2315 E. Redondo Ave.

Questions can be directed to Erin Basta (erin\_basta@msn.com).



## Sunday School News

Zion Sunday school is very blessed to have great teachers, students, and families participating. We ask for your continued prayers for all. On October 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrated animals with Blessing of the Animals. We had lots of old and new furry friends attend. The weather was chilly for the humans, but the animals enjoyed the surroundings and friends.

On October 25<sup>th</sup> we hosted our annual Pumpkin Carving Lunch. After enjoying a taco lunch, many got down to serious business carving their pumpkins for Halloween.

Thank you to all that participated and helped out with the above activities. Our children love to share time with all members of the congregation. If you missed out please plan to attend next year!

Sunday schools' next main event will be the Christmas program scheduled for Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in the evening. We would love to have the whole congregation attend to show support for our children. We see their faith and love of Christ every week but they would like to show you! Parents please try to have your student attend each Sunday school before the program so that Miss Susan has the maximum rehearsal time with all.

### Meet Zion's 2 year old - Kindergarten Sunday School Class

Our 2 year old through Kindergarten Sunday school class is the youngest and largest class at Zion. We are delighted to have 10-12 preschoolers in our class this year. Many of the students are very young and experiencing their first Sunday school class. The students are reading and learning all the important Bible stories as well as making church friends. They have been learning about stories from the Old Testament, Creation, Adam and Eve, Joseph, and Abraham. On Reformation Sunday, they learned about Martin Luther and that we are Lutherans. Besides lots of coloring, the class also is singing and learning about church music with Susan. Look for their first musical performance at the Christmas program on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We believe getting the youngest children involved and forming relationships with church friends is a great start to a life in Christ. God has blessed us with a wonderful group. We are very thankful.



## LET ME SHINE

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. I am thankful that Zion has a preschool as part of their ministry! So many children and families hear God's word and are blessed by Let Me Shine!

Also, a huge "thank you" to Dan's at Foot-hill for their donation of pumpkins for 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!"

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 24 at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend Chapel and invited to the delicious potluck meal following the service. See you there!

In His Service,  
*Barb Ballif, Director*

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14*





### IN OUR PRAYERS:

God's grace be sufficient for healing Carol Thompson and Vic Ayers; strength and healing for Nettie Priet; 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, for wisdom in our annual meeting; and new life for those in addiction. For Megan, Sarah and all mother's with child.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study:** Pastor Steve leads this bible study 9:15-10:15 in the atrium **November 8th through 30th.** All are welcome. No prior knowledge of scripture is required to attend.

**Sunday Mornings:** Come join us in the lounge for a lively discussion of the Gospel and lessons for the current Sunday, 9:15–10:15. No preparation is necessary, and the scripture is printed in the bulletin. *Denny and Alyce Gross*

A hymn sing, sponsored by **American Guild of Organists, Salt Lake City Chapter**, will take place on Tuesday, November 10 beginning at 7:00 PM. This event will feature Dr. Kenneth Udy and David Chamberlin. All are welcome.



Visit Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1955 Stratford Avenue, SLC 84106, **Saturday, November 21st**, 9am to 1pm for their **annual holiday bazaar!** Terrific homemade crafts and lots more.

### Volunteer Opportunity Counters Needed for 2016—

Looking for a new way to serve at ZELC? Contact the church office if you would like to be a counter for the upcoming year. Training is provided. Counting takes place on Sundays or Mondays. A great opportunity for 'behind the scenes' service!



Give a meaningful gift this holiday season.

Donate blood.

### **Mount Tabor Lutheran Church BLOOD DRIVE**

175 South 700 East - Banquet Hall

**Monday, November 9, 2015**  
**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

To schedule your appointment or for more information, contact Pierre Pearson at (763) 516-3903.

If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276.

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

## Rendezvous

**Completed Grades 8 - 12:** Gather your friends, both near and far, and rendezvous at Sky Ranch. Come for a week jam-packed with once-in-a-lifetime experiences. During the week, you will experience our low and high rope courses, hike the high altitude trails around Sky Ranch, work together for a service project, and finish the week with an exhilarating rafting trip on the Poudre River. Campers sleep in platform tents and prepare some of their meals over the fire.

**July 9 - 15 or July 16 - 22 or  
July 23 - 29\***

\*\$100 Deposit due by  
November 29th

Registration form on ZELC's website.



## HYRC Meals

Meals are served from 4 to 4:45 pm at the HYRC (655 S State Street). Youth please be sure to sign up for one the times to help serve the meal. We will need 3-4 youth to help serve and clean up. Any congregational members who want to provide a meal, please contact Lisa.

Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 26 - Thanks to Trio Restaurant for providing this meal; Feb 23, Mar 15, April 24, May 26.

Sunday school in the youth room



## HYRC Thanksgiving Meals

### Items needed by November 8th!

This year we will be providing 27 meals for young adults who have secured housing and a job through the help of Volunteers of America. The clients really enjoy the easy meal that people of Zion have been preparing for over 3 years now.

Please consider purchasing these items and bringing them to church by November 8th. Thank you. Items: Corn, Yams (can), Gravy (can or jar), Green Beans French Style, French Fried Onions (6 oz), Cream of Mushroom Soup, Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce, Potatoes (box)- Betty Crocker, Stove Top Stuffing (box).

## Faith Formation Disciples Fall Retreat

**Nov 8 from 12 pm - 2 pm @ ZION**

Youth (6th-9th graders) will need to have one parent, or ask a caring adult who can drive, to join you for this retreat. Please dress comfortably & wear sneakers. RSVP to Lisa by Wed, Nov 4th.

## Congregational Lunch

### Nov 15, after the 10:30 am worship

Youth will be helping serve the congregational luncheon following the 10:30 am service. We could use as much help as possible. This will be one of fundraisers for our summer trip & other youth activities.



# November 2015



## Thank You, LORD!

.Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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*"The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed."*  
Psalm 126:3

All Saints	1		2	3	4		5	6	7
8 Worship		9 Yoga	10:30 Lib Work	7 Men's Bible Study			9 Yoga	10-Noon RMS	
9:15 Education Hr			11:40 LMS Chapel	9 Yoga				Missional Gathering at Zion	
10:30 Worship				2:30 Staff Mtg					
<i>Children's Choir &amp; Youth Choir</i>			6-Violin Recital		6 David organ work				
			Sanctuary		6:30-8 Meditation Group				
8		9	10	11		12	13		14
8 Worship		9 Yoga	10:30 Lib Work	7 Men's Bible Study	9 Yoga		9 Yoga		
9:15 Education Hr				11:40 LMS Chapel					
10:30 Worship			7 Compassionate Friends Mtg	2:30 Staff Mtg					
6:30 Cong Council Mtg		7 SL American Guild of Organists Hymn Sing			6 David organ work				
				7 LMS Board Mtg	6:30-8 Meditation Group				
15		16	17	18		19	20		21
8 Worship		9 Yoga	10:30 Library Work	7 Men's Bible Study	9 Yoga		9 Yoga		
9:15 Education Hr				11 Lydia Circle					
10:30 Worship				2:30 Staff Mtg					
<i>Noon-Congregational Mtg</i>			7-9 Downwinders Group Mtg-terrace room	6:30 Violin Recital Sanctuary	6 David organ work				
6:30 Violin Recital Sanctuary					6:30-8 Meditation Group				
Christ the King	22		23	24	25	Office Closed	26	Office Closed	27
8 Worship		9 Yoga	10:30 Library Work	7 Men's Bible Study	9 Yoga			9 Yoga	
9:15 Education Hr			11:30 LMS Chapel & Thanksgiving Feast	2:30 Staff Mtg					
10:30 Worship									
<i>joyful NOIZ</i>									
			3 Book Club						
Advent begins	29		30						
8 Worship		9 Yoga							
9:15 Education Hr									
10:30 Worship									



## at a glance...

### Assisting Ministers:

#### 8:00am

Nov 1	Fred Strohacker
Nov 8	Doris Mason
Nov 15	K & M Supiano
Nov 22	
Nov 29	Doris Mason

#### 10:30am

Nov 1	Jon Hall
Nov 8	
Nov 15	Marsha Gilford
Nov 22	Erin Basta
Nov 29	Denny Gross

### Ushers:

Alan Erdahl, Bob Hackworth,  
Warren Patten, Art Sutherland

### Altar Guild:

Nov 1
Nov 8
Nov 15
Nov 22
Nov 29

### Counters:

Nov 2	Warren & Janice
Nov 9	Jane & Ron
Nov 15	Paula & Doug
Nov 23	Paul & Jan
Nov 30	Ann Marie & Diane

### Greeters:

### Acolytes:

Nov 1	Bradin Zaba & Rex Graham
Nov 8	
Nov 15	Luke Reuschel & Rex Graham
Nov 22	
Nov 29	Luke Reuschel & Bradin Zaba



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Thank you!! From Madelyn Carlson, Ashley Dahl, Rachel Perkins, Meghan Parman, Jessa McAvoy, Alison Lionhart, students at Wartburg West, CO who stayed overnight at Zion in October to attend the World Religions Conference.



**Taizé Vespers**  
**All Saints**  
**Episcopal Church**  
1710 Foothill Drive  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 7:00pm**

**Schedule for 2015-16**

13 September 2015  
11 October 2015  
8 November 2015  
13 December 2015  
10 January 2016  
14 February 2016  
13 March 2016  
10 April 2016  
8 May 2016  
12 June 2016

For more information, email  
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All Saints  
Episcopal Church

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—OCTOBER, 2015

1. We are holding our new evening service on the first Sunday in December, and plan on doing so once a month. It will be an informal worship with music. Anyone interested is welcome.
2. We are having a Missional Gathering on Sat Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 to noon. Bishop Gonia will be attending. Council members are strongly encouraged to be present at this event, so mark your calendars.
3. The organ fund is currently up to \$50,000. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

### 2015-2016 ZELC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

**PRESIDENT, Erin Basta | VICE-PRESIDENT, Marsha Gilford | SECRETARY, Nicole Reese**

**TREASURER, Fred Strohacker**

**Communication Team Leader, Alane Boyd; Worship / Music Team Leader, Diane Gardner;  
Faith Formation Team Leader, Alyce Gross; Evangelism Team Leader, Jessie Gustin; Advocacy Team  
Leader, Doris Mason; Building/Grounds Team Leader, Brent Menlove.  
Open position: Congregational Life Team Leader**