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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: every thing 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.



The Herald

A Word from the Pastor...

I didn't win the Powerball lottery. But in my mind's eye I held onto my winning ticket as if it were my ticket to the future. I dreamt about what I would do with the 1.6 million dollars. I would let Zion's property committee go wild, especially if they could eliminate the peeling paint on the south side of the building. All Zion and Let Me Shine staff would receive a huge raise. I would fund mission trips to Tanzania and Ciudad Juarez. David Chamberlin could follow his heart's desire for organ improvements. I would ask Zion to sponsor a new ministry on the west side, building a religious bookstore, which would serve as a gathering place, gospel conversation and worship. I would develop an endowment for mission and justice, especially for refugees and immigrants without documents. Of course, I would attend to the financial well being of my family and children. And, if the council gave me a little extra vacation, I would follow the Notre Dame Women's Basketball team through March Madness.

I have a feeling that I am not alone in dreaming about a fortune. I used to think that greed was the primary reason why people played the lottery. I wonder if there isn't something a little bit deeper, like the thrill of imagining what could be possible if we had all the resources we thought that we needed --- the joy that comes from gifting church, family, friends and causes that are important to us. I wonder if our dreaming is connected to a deeper desire to live a different life.

Of course, we do not need a lottery ticket to do any of those things, but the ticket opens the door for our imagination.

I wonder what it was like when they placed the scroll in Jesus' hands (Luke 4). He claimed that the Spirit that inspired Isaiah now came to rest on him. In his hands he held God's imagination for the way the world and life would be different. Those who had little celebrate good news. Those imprisoned for having wrong beliefs or being on the wrong side of power or status, or held captive by prevailing attitudes, would get to live with extravagant freedom. Those who cannot see what is right before their face are given vision. And those whose bodies can't function are given new ways to fully live life.

We do not need lottery tickets to ignite our imagination of God's dream for us. But we do need to share the gospel with one another. We need our church to remind one another that we have worth beyond our wildest dreams. We are beloved by God. We have gifts that only we can share to heal and change the world around us. So, week after week, we take a little bread, a sip of wine, a splash of water and it is like a ticket of grace moving us into God's future.

~Pastor Steve

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

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2015

For the month of December, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year amounted to \$65,597, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$34,128. This is 192% of the amount needed to balance our budget for this 4-week period.

For 2015, overall, we have good financial news: we have received \$404,010 in weekly envelope giving, or 95% of funds needed to balance our 2015 budget. Considering income from all sources, except dedicated funds (memorials, etc.), we received \$448,926, or 96.4% of the budgeted income. On the spending side, we spent \$15,217 less than budgeted. Overall, we spent \$1709 more than our income, but that is so close to balancing that we consider this an occasion for Thanksgiving.

For the Organ Capital campaign, we have pledges for \$51,515 (of \$220,000 total including the original proposal plus a 10% tithe.) We currently have received \$58,981, 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:

It is not one of the published offerings for Sunday morning at Zion, but the way I spent a recent hour may have been one of the most enlightening experiences I've had in the church.

In the interest of carpooling, I joined Sandra in arriving in time for her Sunday School class and went up to the balcony to do some work. That gave me an opportunity to listen to the choir rehearsal, and the session was instructive on many levels. Anyone who hears our choir recognizes the singers' talent, but what struck me most from this insider's look is how much effort goes into the weekly anthem. Dianne Krehbiel, the director, and David Chamberlin, the organist, are thorough in the preparation and instruction, and the choir members obviously learn well.

Witnessing this process gave even more appreciation for the high quality of Zion's choir. I mean, we should be selling tickets to their performances (although they don't consider it a "performance," but rather an element of worship). While I'm usually headed into the office during the anthem to sort the offering I've helped gather, this time I made sure to hang around and listen to the full song, having watched it all come together an hour earlier.

In the same way the choir's work is not viewed as a performance, applause is not a traditional response in church. But that's OK. The absence of an ovation should motivate each of us personally to thank Dianne, David and each choir member for what they do every Sunday to enhance our worship.

~Kurt Kragthorpe



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

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!

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!



CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER **NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY:**

Food Pantry—Juice boxes

Thrift Store—pots, pans and other kitchen items

Zion Purpose Statement

You are welcome to join our ongoing conversation in our congregational council. We continue to ask and explore what it means for Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church to be partners in God’s mission? What is our purpose in the mission and ministry God has entrusted to us? After several starts and revisions, here is my most recent submission for council conversation:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church – Celebrating the Good News of God’s love and grace in the Heart of the Foothills.

What do you think? Let’s talk. *Pastor Steve Klemz*

Zion will host a Protestant service at the William E Christoffersen **Salt Lake Veterans Home**, 700 Foothill Dr on the third Sunday of each month, at 1:00pm. If you are interested and available to help with this brief (20-30 minute) service, please contact Pastor Steve. All are welcome to attend as well.

Fourth Annual Neale Nelson Memorial Lecture

Wednesday, February 24th, 12 noon, University of Utah, J. Willard Marriott Library, Gould Auditorium.

"Ruminations of a Religion Reporter: 25 Years Covering Faith in a God-Talking City"

Peggy Fletcher Stack, lecturer, is senior religion writer Salt Lake Tribune and an award winning journalist and author. She is a graduate, with two degrees, from the University of Utah and has studied at the Union Theological Seminary at Berkeley, California.

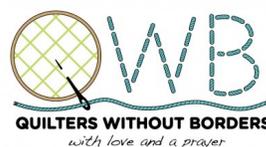
The Neale Nelson Memorial Lecture with the theme, "Building Bridges Among Faith Traditions", honors Dr. Nelson, pastor, teacher, and writer who served as pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Salt Lake City, student and teacher at the University of Utah, and professor at Regis University of Denver. The lecture series is sponsored by Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Friends of the Marriott Library, and the Religious Studies Program at the University of Utah.

Free and open to the public.

The Ulster Project of Utah—Host Families needed for Summer 2016

We are a faith-based peace project and every summer we bring over a dozen teens from Northern Ireland. Half are Catholic and half are Protestant. We match them with local teens (ages 14-16) and their families. Together, the group will participate in

a variety of activities, including fun adventures, team-building activities and faith-based activities. The project runs one month and the teens are together nearly every day. They build close friendships, and learn leadership and peacemaking skills. Visit UtahUlsterProject.org or email info.uputah@gmail.com for additional information. Deadline to apply as a host family is 2/28/16.



Quilters without Borders will meet Thursday, Feb. 4th at 7:00 pm at the First Baptist Church on the northeast corner of 1300 E and 800 S.

The April 7th meeting will be at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. We will teach you how to tie knots.



Please plan to be there!

We had a wonderful meeting in December, making baby quilts with



refugee families from the Women of the World organization. It was fun to see their smiling faces when they finished the quilts and were able to take them home.

LISA’S EMAIL TO COUNCIL — SHARED: *THANK YOU SO MUCH! Hopefully you can hear it from my house in Draper. Thank you so much for paying my tuition to Iliff. The Intro to Islam class has been so rewarding and has helped me reflect on what being a Lutheran really means.*

Hopefully, I will be able to get into the Spring Quarter classes which will be Intro to the New Testament & Preacher as Self: learning how to preach from your own voice. (Pastor Steve, Do NOT get any ideas yet. about me Preaching...I'm still too nervous about misrepresenting the Word of God.) If I can't get into the NT class then I hope to take the Intro to Christian Worship by this really cool prof. that I had my first quarter. We will see.

Just wanted to keep you all updated and also wanted to tell you how much I appreciate the congregation helping me pursue the call that I feel God is calling me to be.

Peace, Lisa Mensinger

Sunday School News FEBRUARY

Zion Sunday School is very blessed to have great teachers, students, and families participating. We ask for your continued prayers for all.

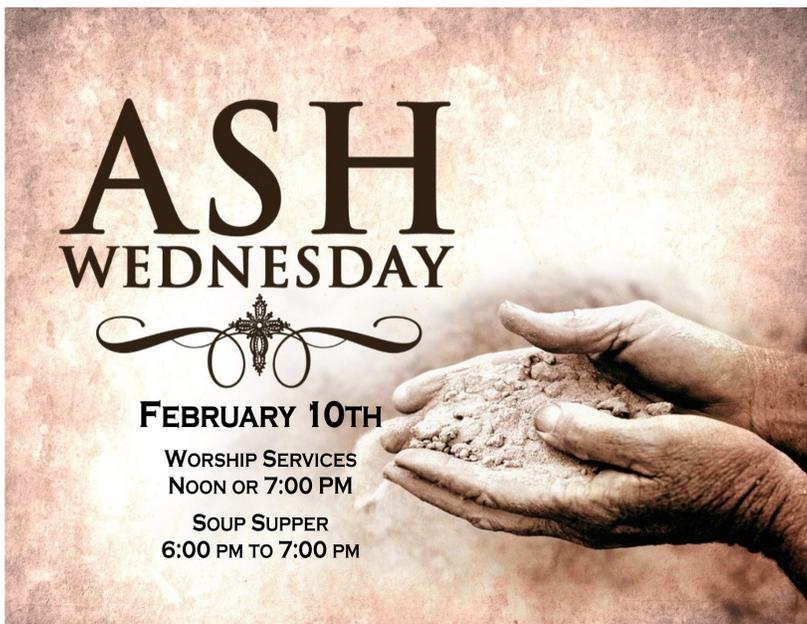
Lent is beginning soon and so will our preparation for the Sunday Schools participation in the Palm Sunday service on March 20th. Students will be rehearsing at their usual music times during the Sunday school hour. We look forward to the inspired contribution the Sunday School adds to Palm Sunday. Please make your best effort have your student attend the rehearsals.

Dates to note are:

February 10th- Ash Wednesday, Lent begins. Soup supper begins at 6:00 with service at 7:00. Confirmands will be sharing their thoughts on faith so this is a great opportunity for younger students to see and meet our youth.

February 17th- Lent services and soup suppers continue through **March 16th**.

February 19th-21st- Souper Bowl of Caring



As Mister Rogers once said, "Deep within us-no matter who we are-there lives a feeling of wanting to be lovable, of wanting to be the kind of person that others like to be with. And the greatest thing we can do is to let people know that they are loved and capable of loving."



Sharing God's love...when you walk the halls of Let Me Shine that is what you'll hear; from the chapel, from the classrooms and from the playground. There is nothing more important in our day. It is from this point the rest of our learning takes place!

"We love because He first loved us."

1 John 4:19

Happy Valentine's Day



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



BASKETS OF PROMISE

Donate items for Lutheran World Relief Kits to help people in need.

During the months of February & March, our congregation is taking part in LWR's Baskets of Promise campaign. We are collecting COMBS, TOOTHBRUSHES, BATH SIZE SOAPS, BATH TOWELS (light weight, max 52"x27" dark color), & NAIL CLIPPERS to form LWR Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

See Lisa Mensinger, Youth Director, for more details.



IN OUR PRAYERS: God’s grace be sufficient for healing Carol Thompson; strength and healing for Dennis Bird, Cindy Haverkost, Terri Finner, Verna Hanson, Lacy Foulks, Marc Foulks, Christy Hillock; 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 Megan, Amanda, Emily, Cherish, Audrey and all mother’s with child. For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:15-10:15 in the atrium. Pastor Steve leads discussion on “Believing that you might have life in Jesus’ name” - Exploring the Gospel of John. 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*

Shop at Smith’s and help Zion!



Do you shop at Smith’s? Well, you can help Zion by participating in Smith’s Community Rewards Program. Smith’s helps out community nonprofit

organizations by giving a portion of proceeds to these organizations based on a person’s purchases.

Smith’s Community Rewards® makes fundraising easy.... simply by using your Smith’s reward card!

It’s easy... Enroll online, shop at Smith’s using your rewards card and Earn money for Zion!

There is no cost to enroll, and enrollment will not affect your fuel points or coupon discounts. To start:

Create an account or Sign in to your account at

www.smithsfoodanddrug.com

Once signed in, you can enroll in Smith's Community Rewards® by updating your Account Settings.

Simply search on “Zion Evangelical” when asked for the Organization’s Name. Or Zion’s organization number is 75149.

You must update your choice for Community Rewards once a year in August.

Your purchases will begin earning money for Zion immediately after enrolling. You may verify enrollment by going to www.smithscommunityrewards.com and clicking on Account Summary.

Mid-Week Lenten Services

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Worship in Atrium

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER	SCRIPTURE
2/17	Jesus	Rex Graham	John 14:1-14
2/24	Humility	Thomas Wenzel	Phil 2:1-8
3/2	Forgiveness	Luke Reuschel	John 8: 1-11
3/9	Love	Jenna Nelson	1 Cor 13:4-7
3/16	Serving Others & Community	Max Metos & Bradin Zaba	Mark 10:35-45

The basics — WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word “stewardship”? Budgets and spreadsheets? Money? Pledge cards? A grateful response to God? What about love?

For many congregations of the ELCA, stewardship means “the church asking for money.”

Stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is a way of life. It calls for integration between our faith and the way that we live our lives — we are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. Stewardship is a mindset, a culture and a discipline that can never be contained in an annual financial response. According to Clarence Stoughton, former president of Wittenberg University, stewardship is everything we do after we say “I believe.” It is the way in which we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and our neighbor. **Stewardship is about love.**

— from ELCA publication, “Stewards of God’s Love.”

SMALL GROUPS Is anyone interested in joining an existing small group Bible study, or starting a new one? Small groups are a wonderful way to make closer church friends, and an excellent place to discuss and learn new truths. Call or email Alyce Gross (church council--faith formation) with questions or ideas. [801 557 9646](tel:8015579646) adgross1@msn.com.

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

Souper Bowl of Caring

the body of christ

1 Cor. 12:12-27

All 7-12th grade youth are invited to a Youth Lock-in at Zion Evangelical Lutheran. Bring a friend and be a part of the Body of Christ with challenges, service projects & community building.

RSVP by Feb 7
 Lisa Mensinger, Director of Youth Ministry
 Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Drive, SLC
Youth@zelc.org

February 19-20, 2016
 Friday, 7 pm to Saturday, 5 pm

Bring \$10 + friend + food items to donate

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 an opportunity to serve the meal. We will need 3-4 youth to serve and clean up. Any congregational members who want to provide a meal, please contact Lisa. Next meals:

Feb 23, Mar 15, April 26, May 24

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Please come and support the Faith Formation Disciples (FFD) who affirmed their baptism in January. The FFD will be sharing their faith topics during the worship experience. Check out p. 5 of the newsletter to see the Lenten Service topics.



Rendezvous

July 9-15, 2016

Please keep in your prayers: Ben & Thomas Wenzel, Luke Reuschel, Connor Bishop, Mack Mensinger, **Cody Reuschel** & Lisa Mensinger as they prepare for their summer camping trip to Colorado. We still have room for 1-2 more youth who want to come and join in this rafting/camping trip.

Scenes from The Battle of Jericho



Warriors of Joshua

City of Jericho?



Nah, just a good spot to hide the flag.



at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

8:00am

- Feb 7
- Feb 14
- Feb 21 Doris Mason
- Feb 28 Doris Mason

10:30am

- Feb 7 Denny Gross
- Feb 14
- Feb 21
- Feb 28

Ushers:

- Peter Staks, Eric Hinderaker, Scott Reuschel

Altar Guild:

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

Counters:

- Feb 1 Jan & Warren
- Feb 8 Marci & Paul
- Feb 16 Warren & Janice
- Feb 21 Paula & Kurt
- Feb 28 Bob & Doug

Greeters:

- Feb 7
- Feb 14
- Feb 21 Youth
- Feb 28

Acolytes:

- Feb 7
- Feb 14
- Feb 21 Youth
- Feb 28

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*Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”
Joel 2:13*

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Pastor Steve will be out of town for continuing education Feb 24 thru March 5, 2016.

Youth Director—seminary Feb 5-6; vacation Feb 13-14.

Office Administrator-vacation Feb 24 thru Mar 1.

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Help us spread the word!
If you know any college students or just like to spend Sunday mornings in the beautiful mountains of the Wasatch Front, this is the worship for you!

Please check it out the first Sunday of each month at 5:30pm!

CORC's priority issues for this General Session of the Utah Legislature include:

- Reducing the number of families that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless because they cannot find an affordable place to live.
- Expanding Medicaid in Utah to cover as many people under the poverty level as possible.
- Supporting enhanced oversight of payday lenders.
- Supporting an increase in the minimum wage paid (currently \$2.13 per hour) to tipped employees.



2015-2016 ZELC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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