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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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A Word from the Pastor...

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Indeed. It is a blessing to have the resources or gifts to bestow upon those in need. It is a blessing to be in control. . .to be able to do something.

Jesus nicknamed James and John, "sons of thunder" --- for good reason. The brothers boldly ask to do something when Jesus comes into his glory. "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left..." It is as if they are asking, "Lord, when you come into your kingdom grant that I may be in charge of the Mercy Ministry, ensuring that all the little ones receive love and compassion." Or, "grant that I may administer the Stewardship Campaign, making sure that we always cherish and give thanks for all God has entrusted to our care."

What church council would turn down this request? "Blessed are you, sons of thunder! Thank you for your willingness to serve."

And, Jesus' response? (See Mark 10:35-45.) "Are you able to drink the cup? Are you able to be baptized in my baptism? In other words, are you able to receive, to live on the receiving end?"

Many of you will recognize this little sermon. I have preached it at your bedside, during illness, convalescence and recovery. Yes, it is a blessing to be able to give. But now, in your recovery, are you able to be on the receiving end? Are you able to request and receive help? Will you receive the gifts of prayer and compassion offered to you? Are you able to be renewed in prayer, asking "not my will, but your will be done?" Are you able to live in grace?

This is my confession: I proclaim grace but I live in works righteousness. I find it very difficult to be on the receiving end. I am a doer. I am among the blessed who are able to give. But soon I will be the one on the receiving end, facing a long period of recovery following spinal surgery (April 18). I am in need of your prayers. Perhaps this puts me in the Anne Lamott school of prayer. She writes that the best prayers she knows are "Help me, help me, help me" and "Thank you, thank you, thank you."

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for being especially faithful in worship, our place of grace. And thanks be to God for you, people of grace, who continue to give and receive the good news of Christ's resurrection peace. Blessed are you, in your giving and receiving.

Pastor Steve Klemz

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.



WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday school 9:15 AM
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2016

For the month of February, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year amounted to \$50,896, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$34,556. This is 147% of the amount needed to balance our budget for this 4-week period.

For the Organ Capital campaign, we have pledged for \$51,515 (of \$220,000 total including the original proposal plus a 10% tithe.) We currently have received \$59,873, including \$155 donated in February. Of this amount, we have already expended \$20,000 to start work.

An alternate way to donate to Zion is using gifts of stock shares. There are advantages of stock gifts. If the stock is appreciated, you will not have to pay income tax on any gains since your purchase, and neither does Zion. Please notify the Church Treasurer, Fred Strohacker, or the church office if you have directed your broker to move shares to the Zion account. That way, we will know who donated the shares for inclusion in your annual giving statements, and we will also know when new shares are in our account so we can manage the stock sale as soon as possible. If you need to know how to transfer shares to Zion's Fidelity account, please contact me.

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Fred Strohacker,
Church Council Treasurer

CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR APRIL

Food Pantry— Boxed meals & cereal

Thrift Store— Blankets, socks & underwear



View from the Pew

Peter's story of denying Jesus has always resonated more with me than any other part of the Holy Week chronicles, and that was before I had my own similar experience.

I've empathized with Peter, sensing exactly how he felt when he heard that rooster crow, realizing that in his human weakness he had done what Jesus predicted he would do. He gave in under pressure, when confronted with accusations of being associated with Jesus.

In my case, it all stemmed from being challenged by someone who recognized me in a recreation facility, wanting to know why I kept writing about a certain sports subject. He basically cast me in a role of supporting BYU, so at some point, I finally blurted, "I'm not Mormon." That would have been OK, except that I added, "I'm not anything."

I was trying to say that my opinion in this case was not based on any ties to the school, but the actual words suggested I had no religious affiliation. Walking out of the gym, I wished I would have handed the whole discussion better, especially the part about sounding like an anti-church person. But it was a good lesson, genuine insight into how Peter must have felt about himself when he realized his failings. I'll learn a lot from it, and will have even more understanding of how and why he responded the way he did in difficult circumstances.

~Kurt Kragthorpe



In Our Prayers: God's grace be sufficient for healing Carol Thompson; strength and healing for Pastor Steve Klemz, Michael Chard, Dennis Bird, Cindy Haverkost, Verna Hanson, Lacy Foulks, Berkley Foulks, Alice S.; 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 Amanda, Emily K, Cherish, Carrie and all mother's with child. For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry.

Library Corner

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



The Library Guild usually meets on **Tuesdays at 10:30 am** 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 children) to be respectful of the church library books!



CORC Annual Meeting—April 6, 2016, 5-7:00 PM,
Dean's Hall, Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 231 East 100 South. All are welcome to attend. *"Working together we can prevent children in Utah from becoming homeless"*. Opening remarks by Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams and closing remarks by Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski.

Quilters Without Borders, You are invited to tie one of the quilts that will be donated to Crossroads Urban Center! Meet and work with women from different denominations.



ZELC is hosting Quilters without Borders in April.

When: Thursday, April 7, 7 – 8 pm

Who: Females & Males, young and old – if you can tie a knot, you are qualified.

Where: Zion Terrace Room

Please plan on attending and supporting this worthy cause. For more information, contact Verna Hanson or Erin Basta, 801-541-1711.

Conversation on Race at Zion, Tuesday, April 12, 2016 6:30pm-8:00pm in the terrace room, childcare provided. In this participatory dialogue, we will explore our own racial identities and reflect on how issues of race play out in our everyday lives. We will connect this back to Zion's welcoming statement and think about how we as a community create a church environment that is truly welcoming for all people. Please RSVP to Sarah Flanigan by April 10 if you plan to attend to ensure we have enough printed materials for everyone. Text/call 806-789-7037 or email selittle2@gmail.com.

Utah State Bars Serving Our Seniors:

Free Health Care Directives & Durable Powers of Attorney; Thursday, April 14, 2016 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Utah Law & Justice Center, 645 South 200 East, SLC. To sign up for an appointment, call Emily Adams 801-309-9625. Details available on the church bulletin board.

CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER—BEER, BLUES & BRATS BENEFIT PARTY, April 17th 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Wasatch Presbyterian Church, 1626 South 1700 East, SLC. Tickets \$45.00 per person. Visit www.crossroadsurbancenter.org website to purchase tickets.

Zion's Vacation Bible School Music Camp, August 1-5 and 7, 2016, M-Th: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Fri: 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
"God's Holy Water"

"Where do you get that living water?" John 4-11
For children who have completed Kindergarten-6th grade \$70 per child; need-based scholarships available. Join us for: Bible Study, Singing, Orff Percussion Instruments, African Drumming, Creative Movement, Outdoor Games, Art, Service Project, Prayer and Worship, Healthy snacks, and TONS OF FUN!!! Register by calling the Zion office (801) 582-2321. Questions: Susan Swidnicki (sljswidnicki@gmail.com)

Zion VBS Volunteers Needed! Zion's VBS Music Camp is one of our most important evangelism opportunities and we need lots of help to pull it off! Remember every little job helps!

Spread the Word: *Invite a young friend or family in your neighborhood or extended family—we have brochures in the narthex that explain everything—be sure to remind people that we have need-based scholarships available if this helps. Put up a poster in your library, school or grocery store.*

Sponsorships: *provide tuition or partial tuition for a child who is unable to attend otherwise: Full week tuition is \$70.*

Junior Counselors: *VBS cannot survive without our excellent teen counselors. Please contact Susan if you are available to help this summer. Week long commitment plus training meetings required.*

Other areas of help: shepherds, lunch hosts, snack coordinator, instrument demo, office help, coffee hour hosts, chapel message, set up / clean up, shade tents, PRAYERS! Look for more details in the coming months.

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 March 20th we celebrated Palm Sunday with the whole congregation at the 10:30 worship. Thank you to all the hard work from the students and special thanks to Susan for arranging such a beautiful contribution to start Holy Week.

Upcoming needs for Sunday school:

We will need families to volunteer to help with the end of year Teacher Appreciation Brunch on May 22nd. Duties that will be broken up and divided include: Setup and decorate tables, organizing food donation or purchase, purchasing teacher gifts, someone to emcee the event, and cleanup. It will be great to make sure all of the Sunday school staff can enjoy the brunch without being responsible for the above activities.

It may seem too early to think about the 2016-2017 Sunday school year, but it is not! Next year we will need at least one, if not more, classroom helpers. This is an easy and rewarding job that takes no preparation or experience. You simply need to attend Sunday school and help the teacher. Helpers can work as a team by sharing weeks so that they are only needed twice a month. Many churches have seen a decline or elimination of their Children's Ministry, so all thanks to God for the growth we have experienced at Zion this past year. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry by volunteering your time.

Upcoming dates to note:

April 24th - Second Grade Bible Presentation at 10:30 worship. All 1st-3rd graders will sing at worship with Bibles being presented to our 2nd graders. Please attend and BYOB, Bring Your Own Bible to church.

HYRC Meals — Youth Needed

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: April 26, May 24.

Help is needed to serve these last two months at HYRC. See Lisa if you can be there.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Alleluia! I pray you all had a wonderful Easter!



There are new signs of life everywhere you look. The trees are budding, birds chirping, and daffodils blooming! These signs of life remind us of Jesus' love for us and the *new life* He gives us. Our sins are washed away and forgiven through His death and resurrection. We are made new!

Once again we continue what has become an Easter tradition at Let Me Shine. The children continue to learn about 'new life' as we see caterpillars turn into butterflies! It's an exciting couple of weeks watching this process, releasing the butterflies outside and watching them fly away.

We appreciate the support of the Scholastic Book Fair too. We had a good turn out and the school was able to order almost \$600.00 in free books for our classrooms!

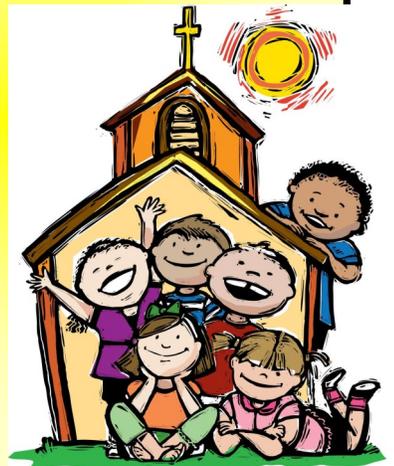
We are so thankful for Zion's continued support! The preschool children will be singing for worship on April 17th at 10:30 AM! We look forward to seeing you then.

Grace & Peace,
Barb
Barb Ballif, Director

LET ME SHINE PRESCHOOL STUDENTS will be singing for our 10:30 am worship on April 17th. This will be a modified, child-friendly worship. The 8:00 am worship will be our tradition worship that day.

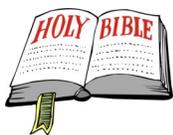
Our students are practicing each week in preparation of the 17th. They will be led by Let Me Shine's music teacher, Genie Murphy.

Let us welcome our preschool families that day!



BYOB — Bring Your Own Bible

On **April 24th**, second graders will be presented with new Bibles. To show solidarity to them, please BYOB. A hymn of praise in which heavenly and earthly creations are called on to praise God, Psalm 148, will be in the bulletin that Sunday. Please be ready to share what verse from the Psalm most causes you to praise the Lord and why.



Small Groups

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) ad-gross1@msn.com.

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*

Sunday Adult Forum with Pastor Steve

9:15-10:15 in the atrium. We will study the Word of God. All are welcome.



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Your help is needed **hosting a coffee hour** after worship. The coffee, cream and sugar is provided and all you need to bring are some cookies! You don't have to put on a huge spread - it's just coffee and a cookie (or two) while speaking with your friends at Zion. Many friendships are made and cultivated during this time and what an awesome way for you or you and a friend or two to be of service to your family of faith. Please contact [Nettie Priet](mailto:nettie.priet@hotmail.com) nettie.priet@hotmail.com with questions.



Sunday, April 3rd— Pledge & Celebration Sunday

Enjoy a Mexican meal prepared by Norma Klemz; after the 10:30 am worship on Sunday, be sure to come downstairs and enjoy the wonderful food. Free-will contributions will support Juan Lopez, ELCA seminary student.



Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly—April 28-30, 2016 in Loveland, CO. Attendees from Zion will be Lisa Mensinger and Chet & Marilyn Johnson.

Many Voices, One Song is the theme for this year's assembly. Synod Assemblies offer all of us an opportunity to discover and celebrate the breadth of what we are able to do together as the Rocky Mountain Synod. In this year's gathering we will 'connect the dots' on all of our ministries to discover how our individual voices are joined together to sing one wondrous song about God's love loosed in the world through Jesus. Info at rmselca.org/assembly.

After High School Program Needs You! The After High School Program sends care packages to Zion's young adults between the ages of 18-22 (the first four years they are out of high school) in the spring and fall. The program is in need of a new lead person. If you are interested in working on this program, please contact me and I can fill you in on the responsibilities.

The spring package will be going out shortly and is in need of Zion members to write a note to the recipients. If you would like to help out by writing some encouraging word to one or more of these young adults to be included with the Spring package, please contact Angie Reuschel at aclmom86@msn.com or 801-565-9015 or 801-712-9584. Thank you!

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

Easter Brunch – Thank you!

A great BIG thank you to all who attended our Easter Brunch.

And a really big SHOUT-OUT to Louise & Mark Nelson for leading the youth in making a fantastic meal. Thanks as well to all the youth for your work that Sunday.

We raised over a \$1,000 for upcoming youth trips. Part of the proceeds will also go toward purchasing additional items for the Basket of Promise - Lutheran World Relief.

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.



Easter Egg Decorating Fun!





at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

8:00am

- Apr 3 Fred Strohacker
- Apr 10
- Apr 17
- Apr 24

10:30am

- Apr 3
- Apr 10
- Apr 17
- Apr 24

Ushers:

Kurt Kragthorpe, Marsha Gilford, Volunteers

Altar Guild:

- Apr 3 Marci Hall
Jan Heins
- Apr 10 Carrie Hinderaker
Marsha Gilford
- Apr 17 Ann Marie Mogren
Bruce & Lois Stewart
- Apr 24 Steve & Marie Newton
Holly Graham

Counters:

- Apr 3 Jan & Doug
- Apr 10 Bob & Kurt
- Apr 19 Janice & Warren
- Apr 24 Doug & Bob

Greeters:

- Apr 3 Jessie Gustin & John
Bailey
- Apr 10 Art & Marian Suther
land
- Apr 17
- Apr 24

Acolytes:

- Apr 3
- Apr 10
- Apr 17
- Apr 24

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

*“Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.”*

John 20:29

Lisa Mensinger, Youth Director will be out of the office April 11-13 (Youth Ministry Retreat); April 20-22 (Seminary); April 28-30 (RMS Assembly)

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9 Yoga-based adult
exercise class

2
Noon—kitchen in
use; prep for
Sunday meal

3 8 Worship 9:15 Education Hr 10:30 Worship <i>Mexican meal served</i> 5:30 Living Water Worship	4 9 Yoga-based Adult Exercise Class	5 10:30 Library Work 11:40 LMS Chapel	6 7 Men’s Bible Study 9 Yoga-based Adult Exercise Class 10 UT Conference Mtg 10 Staff Mtg	7	8 9 Yoga-based adult exercise class	9 10-Noon Terrace Room in Use
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Rocky Mtn Synod Assembly-Loveland, CO

Pastor Steve will be out of the office beginning April 18th.
He will be out approximately 4-6 weeks.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



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!

WHY BRING YOUR TABLET TO CHURCH?

Have you noticed some announcements and publicity about bringing your tablet, phone, or other PDA to church? Why are we encouraging you to do this? It saves paper! If enough people regularly use their electronic devices, rather than picking up a paper bulletin, we can print fewer copies each week, a savings in money and trees and paper and copier ink! You receive an e-mail each week with a link to the weekly bulletin, which includes the order of service and other announcements. Bring your device to church, connect to the Zion Guest network, download the bulletin, and follow along! If you don't receive the weekly e-mail, please e-mail office@zelc.org with a request to be added to Zion's e-mail list.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MARCH, 2016

- **Celebration of Pledge and Mission** - Sunday, April 3rd; Mexican meal served following the 10:30 AM worship. Free will donations to support seminarian Juan de Dios Lopez.
- **Let Me Shine Sunday is April 17th** at 10:30 AM worship and will be geared towards the children. Those who seek a more traditional service are welcome at the 8:00 AM worship.
- **Greater Zion Day** will be July 17th at Sugarhouse Park. Volunteers will be needed.

2015-2016 ZELC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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