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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.



SUMMER WORSHIP:

10:00 AM

The Herald

A Word from the Pastor...

I surprised myself. I opened the Bible and read 1 John. Now, this is not really that surprising since I read the Bible all the time. But I was surprised to read scripture purely out of curiosity, for my own edification and delight. I did not read 1 John because my daily devotion referenced it. I was not looking for answers. Nor did I read it for Bible study or sermon preparation. After all, I was homebound, away from Sunday leadership responsibilities. So, like sharing a cup of coffee with a friend at my kitchen table, I invited 1 John into my conversation on faith, bringing my questions and hopes to the table.

"We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ---- that God is life and in him there is no darkness at all" --- from 1 John 1.

I was surprised, though I should not have been surprised, because this is the way Jesus promised it would be --- that the Holy Spirit joined our conversation through the words of scripture. So, thank you, Holy Spirit with 1 John, for holding me in the light. You have "enlightened" me during my recovery from spinal surgery, reminding me of what we have seen and heard and touched concerning light and life.

I have experienced the grace of your (intercessory) prayers. It is a wonderful gift to know that you have my back (pun intended) when it was too painful for me to pray for myself.

Even though I was not with you in Sunday worship, you embraced me with "the peace of the Lord" through your greetings, prayers, cards, gifts, calls, and visits.

Thank you to those who gifted our family with meals. They were received with thanksgiving (a Eucharist), sharing agape love in much the same way we give thanks for Jesus presence with us in the Holy Meal of Communion.

In God's own light, we discovered why Verna Hanson's chocolate cookies taste a bit like heaven. Her ingredients include loving prayer mixed with God's own blessing.

With over-whelming humility, I have grown into heartfelt thanksgiving for this community of faith in Zion, for the many of you reflect the community in 1 John, declaring "what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life."

Thank you for relaxing with me into scripture, listening in on the Spirit's conversation, and walking with me in God's surprising light, in and through Christ,

Pastor Steve Klemz

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2016

For the month of April, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year amounted to \$30,223, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$34,556. This is 87% of the amount needed to balance our budget for this 4-week period. Year-to-date, you have given \$146,787, or 99.9% of the funds needed to balance our annual budget.

For the Organ Capital campaign, we have pledges for \$53,015 (of \$220,000 total including the original proposal plus a 10% tithe.) We currently have received \$65,418, including \$1,625 donated in March. Of this amount, we have already committed \$20,000 to start work.

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Fred Strohacker, Church Council Treasurer



View from the Pew

While visiting Pastor Danalee Simon and Zion member Mel Hamor have performed admirably during Pastor Steve's recent absence and there's some value in hearing different voices, something is being missed from the pulpit lately.

References to the Chicago Cubs have been far fewer than usual.

I've noted that Pastor Steve's back injury is his way of compensating for the Cubs' having the best record in Major League Baseball, because fans of the team are accustomed to suffering one way or another. That may or may not seem funny to him.

In any case, while we all joke about the frequent mentions of the Cubs or Notre Dame in Pastor Steve's sermons, our lives do have some application of the Cubs' continual quest for their World Series victory since 1908. Beyond the Midwest roots of many Lutherans, including some Zion members, Cubs fans have certain qualities that come with a religious outlook. They're loyal, hopeful and realistic. The question I've been asking them lately is how much they are able to enjoy their team's success this season, aside from worrying about the inevitable failures to come.

The consensus is that they are willing to have fun with it, which is a healthy response. And that's good advice for all of us. We should be thankful when things are going well in our lives and appreciate those blessings, when the natural tendency is to think about God only during difficult times.



~Kurt Kragthorpe



Library Corner

The following books have been added to the library:

"An Invisible Thread: The True Story of an 11-year-old panhandler, a busy sales executive, and an unlikely meeting with destiny" by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski; *"Father Joe: The Man Who Saved My Soul"* by Tony Hendra; *"'Tis: A Memoir"* by Frank McCourt. **Children's Section:** *"Dave and the Giant Pickle (Veggie Tales)"* by Phil Vischer; *"The Spoon in the Stone (Veggie Town Tales)"* by Doug Peterson; *"I Prayed for You"* by Jean Fischer.

Copies of Living 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!

CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR JUNE

Food Pantry—Cereal & Ramen Noodles

Thrift Store—Socks + Underwear, kids shoes, men's clothes & small household items.



Thank you! Your acts of kindness and love, your greetings and gifts, the gift of meals and your gracious visits, and the offering of your prayers and your love have rendered us a service we can never repay. With humble hearts we give thanks for the ways God has channeled peace and grace through you.
Micah, Norma and Steve Klemz

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.*

Adult helpers who can attend one-five days of VBS and help where needed.

Lunch Hosts: *Eat lunch with a table of children each day 11:45-12:30 – no playground supervision required; children bring their own lunches.*

Snack Coordinator: *Organize and purchase healthy snacks for children and our teen volunteers for the week of VBS. You will be reimbursed for the cost of food.*

Snacks for Teen Volunteers: *Provide snacks for about 15-20 teens for our training session-weekend before VBS starts.*

Instrument Demos: *Show and tell for any musicians.*

Office Help: *Copy and assemble our songbook and nametags. Help address parent letters and brochures-can be done at home.*

Coffee Hour Hosts: *VBS typically hosts many new families so we need a few people to help with set-up and clean-up for coffee hour on Aug. 7, but also to meet and welcome these families and answer any questions about Zion.*

Chapel Messages: *Share your faith in a 5 minute message for our chapel time. Choice of day and option for 9-9:30 or 12-12:45 time slot. Our theme this year is water so any Bible story using water, baptism, care of the earth etc. can be your inspiration.*

Set-Up/Clean-Up: *Set-Up Sunday, July 31; Clean up: Aug. 5 afternoon and Sunday Aug 7 (after worship).*

Shade Tents: *August is hot! If you have an extra shade tent (camping style) you could spare for the week we would love to borrow it.*

Prayers: *Can't be there in person? Please pray for this important ministry: teachers, children, teens and families.*

Questions: please contact Susan Swidnicki (801) 953-2301 and sljswidnicki@gmail.com.



Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit Let Me Shine Preschool will be held

Sunday, September 18th at Stansbury Park Golf Course.

Mark your calendar now. There will be food and prizes again this year. Invite your coworkers, family and friends for a fun day on the links. The sign-up sheet will be posted in July.



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Sunday School Classes 2015/2016



PRE-K



Dear Zion Members,

I can't believe our current school year has come to a close! It's been a super year with the BEST families. :) Thank you for your continued support this past year !

With Miss Lorna and Miss Jeanine retiring we have a couple of staffing changes. I'm pleased to announce that Miss Heather will be teaching the Two Year Old class and Miss Kristina Schwertz will teach the 18 Month Class. We are so excited to have them continue at Let Me Shine in their new positions.

We are hiring! We are looking for an enthusiastic teacher's aide with early childhood experience to share God's love with His children in our 18 Month and Two Year old classrooms. They must also love to work and play with children, be energetic and self-motivated.

If you or anyone you know is interested please send resumes to: Barbara Ballif, Director, Let Me Shine Christian Playschool and Preschool, 1070 S Foothill Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84108 801-583-6400 director@letmeshine.org

Grace & Peace,

Barb

Barb Ballif, Director

1st-3rd



4th-6th



Jr High



High School



In Our Prayers: God's grace be sufficient for healing Carol Thompson; strength and healing for Pastor Steve Klemz, Cindy Haverkost, Lacy Foulks, Berkley Foulks, Alice S., Doc in transition; 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 Cherish and all mother's with child. For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry.

Leaders & Volunteers



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) adgross1@msn.com.

Women's Small Group—Will be on hiatus during the summer months.

Homeless Youth Resource Center; Bittersweet Endings and Beginnings!

On May 24, the last meal for 20 people was served at VOA-Homeless Youth Resource Center on 655 State Street. When we arrived with our sloppy joes (recipe provided by Holly Graham) and fixings as well as our famous Jello-Cheesecake, there was a young man ready to share how excited he was that he will be moving into his new place on Friday. We heard many happy stories this day, as we sat and shared the meal around the table with the counselors and clients. We heard funny stories about how the table that wouldn't be moved to the location on 888 south 400 west. Apparently, the table would collapse about once a week. People also shared how grateful they were to have a meal to eat and counselors who never gave up on them.

As we cleaned up the dishes and the kitchen, there was a bittersweet difference in the words that the counselors said to the clients before they closed for the evening. Instead of hearing, "Does anyone need supplies like toiletries, clothes, or hand warmers before you leave?" Rather we heard words of hope for new beginnings, "Remember this weekend we will be at our new location and we will not be closing -- ever. We will be open 24 hours a day and you are welcome there."

Stay tuned for new ways to share a meal with the homeless youth at their new facilities.

Peace, Lisa Mensinger

Smith's **Shop at Smith's and help 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 Organ-

ization's Name. Zion's organization number is 75149. You must update your choice for Community Rewards once a year in August.

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 nettie.priet@Hotmail.com with questions.

Volunteers Needed for the 36th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, June 27-July 2, Salt Lake City.

More than 600 athletes are expected to compete in SLC and volunteers are needed to help with sporting events from archery to weightlifting, as well as serving as greeters at the airport, hospitality messengers, meal assistants, and much, much more. Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age, but individuals who are younger can serve as fans in the stands or cheer for the athletes when medals are given out. Volunteer opportunities can range from 6:00 am until 11:00 pm. There is something for everyone. Interested in learning more? Contact Jan Schroader or Bryce Leavitt at 801-584-2567 or VHASLCNVWGVolunteers@va.gov.



VOLUNTEER TODAY!
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JUNE 27 - JULY 2
#NVWG #STRIVELIVECONQUER

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

Olympic Park

Sunday, June 5

All youth join us right after the 10 am worship at Olympic Park in Park City for an afternoon filled with fun adventures like the alpine slide, zipline, adventure course and extreme tubing.

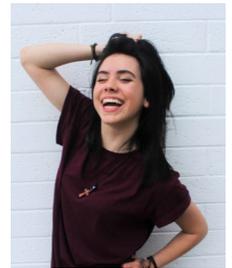
Check out utaholympiclegacy.com for more details.

RSVP to Lisa by June 1.



Zion Graduates

McKayla “Mack” Mensinger will be graduating a year early from Alta High School on June 2nd. She will study Anthropology at the University of Utah in the fall.



Christine Livsey (or as Pr. Steve calls her, Anna Christine) just graduated from the University of Arizona with a BS in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science. She is going to dental school in the fall!



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.

Congratulations to our graduates!

Crossroads Urban Center

On May 14, Bob, Ben and Thomas Wenzel, Mack & Lisa Mensinger joined Art Sutherland in the Crossroads Postal Food drive. We sorted all the bags filled with food brought in by the postal carriers at the downtown Post Office.

With our help and many other people we added 12,590 lbs of food to the Crossroad pantry. The pantry provides food assistance for our low income neighbors.



June 2016



at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

10:00 am

- June 5 Erin Basta
- June 12 Denny Gross
- June 19 Rachel Kibler
- June 26 Jane Erdahl

Ushers:

- Chet & Marilyn Johnson, Hal Sinn + Volunteers

Altar Guild:

- June 5 Carrie Hinderaker
Marsha Gilford
- June 12 Ann Marie Mogren
Denny Gross
- June 19 Jan Heins
Bruce & Lois Stewart
- June 26 Carrie Hinderaker
Holly Graham

Counters:

- June 6 Ron & Jane
- June 12 Kurt & Paul
- June 19 Angie & Bob
- June 27 Jane & Marci

Greeters:

- June 6
- June 12 Warren & Judy Patten
- June 19
- June 27

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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“My God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health”

Psalm 30:2

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LMS Camp Week 9AM to 1PM; "Down by the Ocean"						
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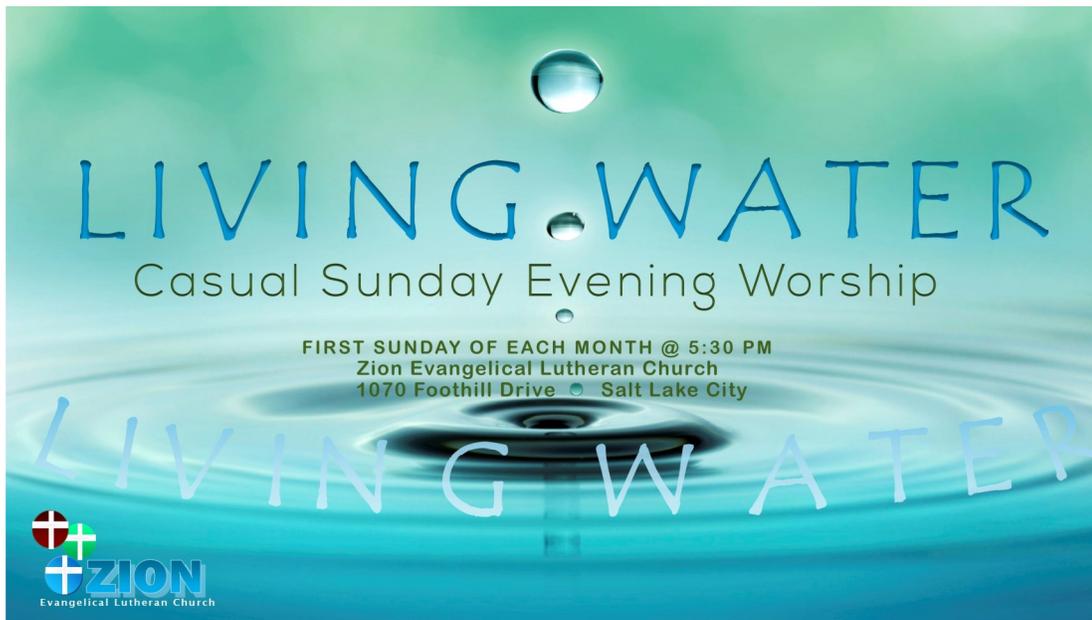
Youth Director will be on vacation June 23-30



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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!

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 - MAY, 2016

- Finalize plans for Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on May 15th.
- Two council positions filled; Congregational Life by Terri Moffitt; Building Administration by Michael Chard.

2016-2017 ZELC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

**Communication Team Leader, Alane Boyd
Faith Formation Team Leader, Alyce Gross
Advocacy Team Leader, Doris Mason
Congregational Life Team Leader, Terri Moffitt**

**Worship Music Team Leader, Diane Gardner
Evangelism Team Leader, Jessie Gustin
Building Admin. Team Leader, Michael Chard**