

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, socioeconomic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age or race. We are a Reconciling in Christ community. All are welcome.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
8:15am & 10:30am Worship
9:15am Education Hour

The Herald

A Word from the Pastor...

I remember the first time that I publically spoke in Spanish, when I was invited to pray at an interfaith service in the Cathedral of the Madeline. Following worship, several Latin priests joked with me, saying, "Can we come to Zion to practice our English?" I should have known better. When I proposed to my wife, *en español*, it came out "will you marry my house?" She had the same wide-eyed-look as my tutor in Tanzania when I thought I said "I will see you later" but I actually said, "we will soon be married."

I know of a young man who went on a trip to South America and fell head-over-heels in love. But the man speaks no Spanish, and the one with whom he is desperate to communicate speaks no English. *De nada*. The couple tried Babel Fish Translation, a web site that takes one language and converts it into another. Babel Fish claims to be 70% accurate. Of course, the 30% inaccuracy creates real frustrations. After courageously declaring his love and opening the first email by the beloved, she read: "I tell you that strange your presence, strange your looks, strange to stroll with you in the high mountains." A true translation would read: "I miss your presence, I also miss your glances and I miss walking with you in the high mountains."

Still, this couple keeps at it. Love makes us desperate to communicate. Come to think of it, maybe 70% is not so bad. I am not sure that I can clearly communicate 70% of all that needs to be proclaimed on an average Sunday. Perhaps that is why I am so thankful for our Easter Sunday hymns and choir, who sing out the Easter proclamation, which seems just too good to be true.

So, praise God for Babel Fish. Even more so, praise the Holy Spirit, who keeps at it Sunday after Sunday, reminding us of God's love and the new life we celebrate because of that first Easter Sunday. John the Baptist, desperate to announce the love of God, described our new life with Christ as the Bridegroom:

who has come that we might be one with him and he with us,
one flesh, joined in this life and in whatever life might come after this,
for richer or poorer, for better or worse, in sickness and in health, so long
as ...

as long as Christ lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Pr. Steve

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2014

For the month of February, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year, amounted to \$27,005, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$32,308. This is 84% of the amount needed to balance our budget for this 4-week period. Year to date, our giving stands at \$48,076, including one-time gifts spread across the year. This represents 75% of the funds needed to balance our annual budget, to date. We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Fred Strohacker,
Church Council
Treasurer



View from the Pew:

Pastor Steve summarized the current period of the church calendar very nicely when he basically said there's no Easter without Lent, and there's no Lent without Easter.

Knowing how the story will end definitely alters our view of Lent, but it should only make the buildup to Easter more meaningful. To me, it's like watching a history documentary (yes, I purposely avoided a sports analogy). We know how it all turns out, but by immersing ourselves in the emotions that are evoked during the time, the conclusion can make an impact on us as if we were reliving the experience.

That's my suggestion for Holy Week, in particular. Only by trying to put ourselves in the position of those who had no idea what was going to happen on the first Easter can we gain any real sense of the joy they felt when everything unfolded that day.

It's true that we're well aware of how the traditional Easter breakfast and the brass quarter and the other elements of the celebration are already scheduled. But what if we became so focused on reliving the previous events of Holy Week that Easter morning actually seemed like a surprise? That would make it even more meaningful, wouldn't it?

-Kurt Kragthorpe



CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR APRIL:

FOOD OF THE MONTH: Peanut butter and/or canned fruit

THRIFT STORE NEEDS: Boy's & Men's pants and shoes

Library Corner: The following books have been generously donated to the church library:

"The Early Liturgy to the Time of Gregory the Great" by Josef A. Jungmann, S.J., donated by John Krehbiel.

"Concordia Self-Study Commentary; An Authoritative In-House Resource for Students of the Bible" by Walter R. Roehrs, donated by Bob Steensma.

In the Children's Section:

"The Biggest Bear" by Lynd Ward

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!

REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR OVERDUE BOOKS!

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!



QUILTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

with love and a prayer

The next meeting will be held at Zion on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the terrace room downstairs. Contact Erin Basta for more information.

Coffee Hour hosts needed. Please stop by the bulletin board outside the church library to sign up for a Sunday to bring the refreshments. It is a great way to celebrate an occasion with your church family; birthdays, anniversaries, or just for the fun of it!



The Ruth Nelson Scholarship Fund

The Ruth Nelson Scholarship fund honors the memory of a woman who served Zion for many years as the wife of a pastor and as a contributor to many of the congregation's activities. Ruth also had a great love for children. The fund is used to support scholarships for deserving students in our Let Me Shine Christian Playschool and Preschool. Your contributions will help the school to offer more scholarships and will be greatly appreciated. Please place your offering in one of the yellow envelopes in your pew and mark it for "Let Me Shine."



MAUNDY THURSDAY:

This Thursday is called "Maundy," which means "command," from the verse in John's gospel in which Jesus commands us to love one another as he loved us. At this service, we hear about the Passover lamb, Jesus' last meal with his

disciples before his death, and Jesus washing his disciples' feet. You will be invited to have your feet washed and then to wash the feet of another worshiper. You hold the heel, pour the water, and wipe dry. Finally, we strip the chancel bare (removing paraments, candles, communion ware, etc.) to ready ourselves for Good Friday.

Participants are needed, (children, youth, and adults) to remove items from the chancel. If you are willing and available to help, please meet in the sanctuary for a rehearsal at 6:45.



From the Communications Committee: We are in the process of developing a new, dynamic website! Watch for the announcement coming soon and be sure to check it out!





Spring Blessings to you all Sunday School Students!

How is your Lenten Journey?

It is that time of year when we will soon put aside all introspectiveness to once again exalt for our Risen Savior! Remember, you are encouraged to attend the Midweek Lenten worship times led by our Youth Group to help you understand, add more relevance and reflect the remainder of these 40 days.

Holy Week begins April 13th with Palm Sunday. Kids remember all choirs participate in the musical 10:30 worship. No Sunday school classes that day. Just meet in the Sanctuary to rehearse for the hour. Parents do check in with Ms. Susan if you would like to volunteer.

Our annual Youth organized Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Easter morning, April 30th, in the Terrace Room beginning at 9:00 am. No Sunday school classes.

And lastly, wishing all Zion children a safe and wonderful Spring recess.

In His Grace,

Nicole and Bob
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**He is risen! He is risen, indeed!
Alleluia!**

New signs of life are beginning to turn up everywhere we look! Buds on the trees are swelling; birds are chirping and perennials are returning. These signs of life are an incredible reminder of Jesus' love for us and the *new life* He gives us. Our sins are washed away and forgotten because of His death and suffering on the cross. 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 are learning about "new life" as we watch caterpillars turn into butterflies! It's an exciting couple of weeks watching this process, releasing the butterflies outside and watching them fly away.

Thank you Jesus for your death and resurrection making us new!

In His Service,
Barb
Barb Ballif,
Director



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MARCH, 2014

Motion to accept the church constitution as up-dated with inclusions suggested at the March council meeting. Seconded and passed.

Five new members will need to be elected at the May 18th congregational meeting. As Erin Basta and Alane Boyd were appointed to their council position, these appointments will have to be approved at the Congregational meeting. Erin will form a nominating committee and will serve as the Chair.

The congregational council reviewed the proposed changes to the ZELC By-laws. Several proposed changes will be made. Council will vote on these changes at the April congregational council meeting.



IN OUR PRAYERS:

In the name of Christ, we prayerfully entrust to God our sisters and brothers: for continued strength and healing with Eva Krista Leirfallom, Millie Erdman, Chris Hardy, Dorothy Nielsen, Brenda Chambers, Maryan Egan-Baker, Grace Schmitt, Lorraine Strohacker.

**VBS Music Camp Summer 2014
"Children in the Bible"
July 28 - August 1; 9am - 3pm**

Applications are available at Zion in the narthex. Join us for music. Art, bible study, worship, singing, drumming, games and service—all based on children in the bible. Kindergarteners through 6th graders. \$70 for the week with some financial aid available. Teens needed to serve as junior counselors. To register contact the church office. Questions or to volunteer contact Susan Swidnicki sljswidnicki@gmail.com



ANNUAL MEETING
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Sunday, May 18, 2014 after the 10:30am worship. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Election of new council members will be held.



**Faith Formation
Family Connection Time
Sunday, May 4, 2014
5:30—7:30 pm
Germania Park**

All parents of FFD are invited to gather at the park for time of catching up with each other and for prayer time led by Pastor Steve. RSVP to **Lisa Mensinger** by **May 1st** with the number of adults attending as well as a side dish you will bring.

Lent Worship, 2014

Continues through April 9
Wednesdays at 7:00pm,
preceded by a simple supper at 6pm

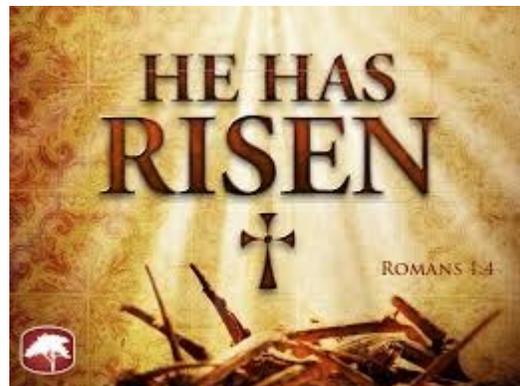
HOLY WEEK

- April 13 Palm Sunday Worship
8:15 and 10:30am
- April 17 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7pm
Soup supper at 6pm
- April 18 Good Friday Worship at noon & 7pm
- April 20 Easter Sunday Worship
8:15 and 10:30am
Easter Breakfast at 9:00am

Jonah is our theme for Lent. On the surface, Jonah seems like an easy narrative: like a Veggie Tales story with a great big fish and a simple message. But the more we wrestle with this whale of a tale 's difficult message, the more it raises questions that we might never expect. And the questions come close. It is as the writer of Jonah holds a mirror before us and asks, "Do you recognize yourself in this story?"

All are welcome to explore Jonah's story during Lent. The Book of Jonah is our topic for Sunday morning Bible Study. No prior knowledge of the Bible is needed. Join us in the atrium, 9:15-10:15.

Jonah is our theme for midweek worship, led by the youth of Zion, on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 7:30. Pr. Steve Klemz



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

Mid-Week Lent Themes

DAY	EVENT
April 2	Prayer
April 9	God is Gracious
April 16	HOLY WEEK

We are exploring the Book of Jonah during the mid-week Lenten services. We hope you can join us in this interactive series.

Fish Farm (donations so far \$210)



Give your neighbors a fish and they will eat for a day. Give your neighbors a community fish farm and training in good business economics and they will eat for a lifetime.. During the Mid-Week Lenten Services,

youth will be collecting offerings for a Fish Farm through ELCA Good Gifts.

Our goal is \$250.

WSYG Planning Meeting

Monday, April 7 from 7 –8 pm

A few of Zion youth will be joining youth from Elim and OSLC on an adventure to a smaller version of the ELCA YG located at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, CA from June 27– July 1, 2014. We will experience an LA immersion and a Beach Party!! **We will meet at Zion & Hangout with Elim on Google+.**



HELP—Lenten Dinners

MENU:

April 2—Bean Burritos & Fruit

Thank you to Liz Prystas Small Group for providing this meal

Easter Breakfast

Join us for Easter Breakfast at Zion on **Easter Sunday, April 20th**

This year we are serving it family-style and we will enjoy eggs, potatoes, ham & homemade cinnamon rolls.

Donations will help fund the WSYG.

Night Games

Saturday, April 19th from 6—9 pm

Youth bring a friend to help us set up for Easter Breakfast & then play in fun night games.

It will be a blast. Lisa has a new toy thanks to the Trapps.

Faith Formation Disciples

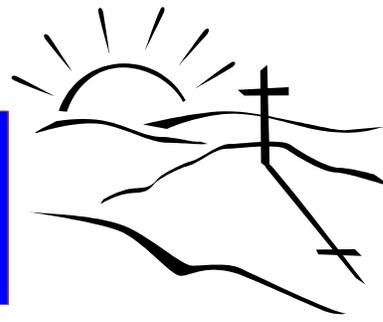
All 7-9th graders are required to attend the Spring Retreat **Saturday, May 3** TBD.

We will explore the gifts that God has given us.

Minions of Christ

Be on a look out for these faithful followers popping up in the church.





APRIL, 2014

at a glance...

Assisting Ministers: 8:15am

- Apr 6
- Apr 13 Fred Strohacker
- Apr 20 Eric Hinderaker
- Apr 27 Fred Strohacker
- 10:30am**
- Apr 6 Marsha Gilford
- Apr 13 Denny Gross
- Apr 20
- Apr 27

Ushers:

Kurt Kragthorpe, Marsha Gilford, and volunteers

Altar Guild:

- Apr 6 Ann Marie Mogren
B & L Stewart
- Apr 13 Marci Hall
Denny Gross
- Apr 20 Holly Graham,
- Apr 27 Carrie Hinderaker
Marsha Gilford

Acolytes:

- Apr 6 Ethan White
Thomas Wenzel
- Apr 13 Lauren Swidnicki
Lauren Furst
- Apr 20 Andrew Hall
Markus Zaba
- Apr 27 Wenzel boys

Readers:

- Apr 6 Brandt Graham
- Apr 13 Youth Choir
- Apr 20 Eric Hall
- Apr 27

Hosts/Greeters:

- 8:15am**
- Apr 6 Haverkost
- Apr 13 Haverkost
- Apr 20 Schroeder
- Apr 27 Schroeder
- 10:30am**
- Apr 6 Livengood
- Apr 13 Livengood
- Apr 20 Hackworth
- Apr 27 Hackworth

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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*“This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

Psalm 118:24

		1	2	3	4	5
		11:40 LMS Chapel	7 Men’s Bible Study 9 Yoga 10 Utah Conference 1 Staff Mtg	7-8:30 Quilters w/o Borders-terrace rm 6:30-8 Meditation Group- atrium David—Organ	9 Yoga	Windows washed
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:15 Worship 9:15 Education Hr 10:30 Worship	9 Yoga	10:30 Library Work	7 Men’s Bible Study 9 Yoga 11:40 LMS Chapel 1 Staff Mtg	3 Communications Mtg 6:30-8 Meditation Group atrium David—Organ	9 Yoga	Utah Conference gathering with Bishop Gonia in SLC
	7 WSYG Planning Mtg	7 Compassionate Friends Mtg	6 Simple Supper 7 Lenten Worship			
PALM SUNDAY 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:15 Worship 9:15 All Choirs rehearse 10:30 Worship	9 Yoga	10:30 Library Work	7 Men’s Bible Study 9 Yoga 11 Lydia Circle 1 Staff Mtg	MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 Soup Supper 7 Worship	GOOD FRIDAY 9 Yoga Noon Worship	6-9 Youth Set up for Easter Breakfast + Night Games
	6:30 Cong Council Mtg				7 Worship	
HOLY WEEK						
EASTER SUNDAY 20	OFFICE CLOSED 21	22	23	24	25	26
8:15 Worship 9 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Worship	9 Yoga LMS Back to school	10:30 Library Work 11:40 LMS Chapel	7 Men’s Bible Study 9 Yoga 1 Staff Mtg	6:30-8 Meditation Group atrium David—Organ	9 Yoga	
27	28	29	30			
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Let Me Shine Preschool Spring Break-Apr 14-18

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Volunteers needed

In Memoriam

Leo E. Olsson

November 11, 1929—March 1, 2014

We commended Leo into God's loving hands many times before "the commendation" in his memorial service on March 24. In Sunday worship we have prayerfully commended Leo into God's hands, praying Christ's healing presence. There was the Sunday when his parents held him in their arms at the baptismal font, forever commending Leo to hands that would forever hold and bless and forgive. Through all of this the Holy Spirit guided Leo, promising God's presence with him, even in the way "suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5:5). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend, trusting in your resurrection peace.

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Dr. Ralf C. Riches

May 3, 1929—March 20, 2014

In the 23rd Psalm we find comfort in "the still waters" where the Good Shepherd leads us. Even though he lived in the high desert of Utah, it was the ocean waters that brought stillness to Ralf's heart. Refreshed with God's great grace, Ralf's cup overflowed in love shared with his beloved bride, Lois, and their four sons. In his memorial service he was remembered as Zion's favorite Sunday School teacher. Today we pray the gift of the Holy Spirit, to teach and to remind Lois and sons of the peace that passes all understanding through our Lord Jesus Christ. May goodness and mercy follow them in all of their days.