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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.



The Herald

A Word from the Pastor...

"Grace." If there is one word which describes who Lutherans are, what they teach, and how they live it is "grace." It is a gift. Martin Luther exulted in the scripture proclamation, "we are justified by grace through faith!" Luther and the Reformers said it is "Grace alone." Period. The punctuation is definitive. We do not proclaim "God's grace is for you" followed by commas: "if you," "when you," "after you," "unless you," or "until you." It is "grace" --- period.

In 2017 we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The ELCA will promote the anniversary with the theme ---"Together by Grace."

Within the context of the 500th Anniversary, our congregational council explored a theme for our church's mission and ministry. Of course, the theme would include "grace." But our president, Erin Basta, challenged us to go further. *A theme needs to encourage action. Verbs are action words. Jesus instructs us to spread His word-- including Grace. What better way to do that than by connecting with each other within the congregation and with those in our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and communities. I believe that we will discover what a current commercial tells us "We are more alike than we are not alike."* From our discussion, we enthusiastically commend Zion's new theme:

Connecting through Grace.

We pray the Spirit's call to action as we explore ways to live out the verbs:

"Connecting through grace" in our loving, serving, praying, welcoming, inviting, praising, teaching, learning, growing, planning and acting.

In and through Jesus, who is "grace upon grace."

~Pastor Steve

WORSHIP TIMES
beginning 9/11/16:

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2016

For the month of July, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year amounted to \$39,935, compared to our 5-week donation budget of \$43,195. This is 92% of the amount needed to balance our budget for this 5-week period. This is excellent, considering we are mid-summer! Year-to-date, you have given \$247,015, or 92% 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 \$67,643, including \$600 donated in July. 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

CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER

We now accept donations to our Emergency Food Pantry online! You can purchase any of the items, or make a monetary donation. Go to crossroadsurbancenter.org.

Baby formula and diapers are always in high demand.

Food Pantry: Snacks for homeless: granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.

Thrift Store: Back to school kids clothing



View from the Pew

Anyone who works with children would say they learn as much from them as they convey, and that was my experience recently during the Vacation Bible School Music Camp.

I always enjoy giving a brief talk during the week. As I was reminded again, children think differently than adults, to their credit. I started with the premise that an average golfer would choose an old ball when hitting over a water hazard, rather than risk losing a brand-new one. I was encouraging them to use the VBS experience to develop self-confidence from trying new things. But they already knew that. When I asked which ball they would use, nearly all of them chose the new one.

And then there was the girl who said she would choose the old one, because she wouldn't want it to feel left out. Wow. That's why I keep showing up at the camp every year, so I can learn something.

~Kurt Kragthorpe



Library Corner



The following books are available in the library:

All of these books have been written by Philip Yancey: "What's So Amazing About Grace", "The Bible Jesus Read", "Disappointment with God: Three Questions No One Asks Aloud", "Reaching for the Invisible God", "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?".

In the Children's section: "The Whale Tells His Side of the Story" by Troy Schmidt, "Noah" by Mark Ludy, "Noah's Ark" by Linda Falken, "Noah's Ark" by Jerry Pinkney.

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—Wine & Cheese Party on September 18, 2016, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Come celebrate Crossroads Urban Center's 50th year of groovin' with select wines, gourmet cheeses, breads and fresh fruit. Make new friends and jive to the sounds of *Controlled Burn*. All proceeds support Crossroads' ongoing services. Tickets are \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door, or tables of 6 for \$250. Buy tickets on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). For more information call Bill Tibbitts at Crossroads Urban Center, 801-364-7765 ext. 107.

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The weekly VA Nursing Home worship will resume on **Sunday, September 18th at 1:00 PM** at the William E Christoffersen Salt Lake Veterans Home, 700 Foothill Drive. 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.

Morning Worship: Look for some new changes in our 8:00 AM worship. We will uplift the “morning” nature of our morning worship, like our awakenings, which slowly move us into the day. We will enlist a cantor, who will lead us into song and support our hymns of praise. The service, which may have a more relaxed feel, will embrace our traditional flow in worship with “Gathering” – “Word” – “Meal” – “Sending.” With these changes our congregation can experience another expression of worship, rather than replicating 10:30 AM worship.

FALL WORSHIP TIMES:

8:00 am & 10:30 am worship will begin on Sunday, September 11th; Sunday school begins at 9:15 am.

Madagascar Motor Cycle Update – the Rocky Mountain Synod Committee on Madagascar has recently received an update on how our project to provide motorcycles for pastors who work in remote locations is progressing. Three of our companion synods, including Mahajanga Synod whom we in Utah have “adopted”, have purchased motorcycles and are ready to put them into use.

In addition, our committee is getting ready to provide financial support of about \$6,000 to help in the purchase of materials which will enable the solar panels at the Betela Seminary to be reactivated. Currently their power comes from generators.

Michael King, Mount Tabor Lutheran Church

Women of the ELCA—The Tenth Triennial Convention will be held July 11-13, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN. The triennial convention is the highest legislative authority within the organization. The theme will be ‘All Anew’. This convention brings Lutheran women together from across the church with workshops, worship, bible study and more. If interested, please contact the church office.



Research has revealed that Sept. 18 is not the latest date the **Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament** ever has been played, although it feels that way with the summer about to

end. But you haven't missed it! We hope the cooler weather of September and the students' return to the classrooms of Let Me Shine Play & Preschool at Zion will energize people to support the event.

The LMS board's involvement has elevated the tournament by providing a welcoming atmosphere with great food, prizes and a sense of appreciation to those who play. Last year's 56-player field rejuvenated the event and we're hoping for another big turnout. Again, the event is Sunday, Sept. 18 at Stansbury Park Golf Course, about 20 minutes west of Salt Lake City, and the cost for 18 holes of golf with a cart is \$50 per player. We can accommodate individuals, couples and foursomes and also arrange a nine-hole option.

Please consider signing up as soon as possible, mostly for the sake of my reassurance. **The registration deadline is Sept. 4**, as two weeks' planning is helpful, but with that being Labor Day Weekend, payment can be made later.

Contact me with any questions at

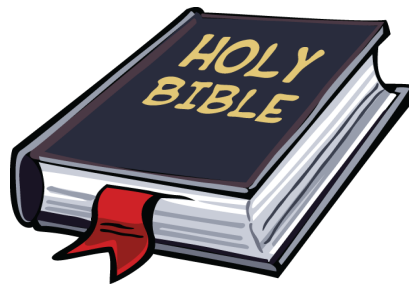
kkragthorpe@sltrib.com

– Kurt Kragthorpe

FROM THE LET ME SHINE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—

Would you like to support the golf tournament fundraiser but are not a golfer? Perhaps you would prayerfully consider donating a sleeve of golf balls, a gift certificate to a restaurant, items to create a ‘beer basket’, a pair of movie tickets? In an effort to stretch our dollars as far as possible, we are looking for prize donations. If you have any questions, please contact the church office administrator who serves on the board, office@zelc.org.

The Utah Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons invites you, your family & friends to help us **BEAT THE BOMB with MUSIC AND JOY!**, **Friday, September 23rd from 7 to 9:00 PM** at Liberty Park's Rice Pavilion (NE corner of park). This is a free celebration featuring tree-planting and drumming performances. Go to UTAHCAN.ORG for more details.



Zion Sunday School begins on September 11th at 9:15!

Sunday School News!

We are excited to start another great year of Sunday school. Zion encourages all children 2 years and older to join us for an hour of Bible study to help nurture and grow in faith.

Sunday School starts September 11th, 9:15-10:15, which is also God's Work Our Hands Sunday. All children will meet in the terrace room and work together with Sunday School teachers on volunteer projects. Please plan to drop off your students in the Terrace room to meet teachers and pick up registration forms and information for the year. Parents, especially those of younger chil-

dren, are also welcomed and encouraged to stay and participate in the projects.

We are still in need of a few volunteers to help in classes during the Sunday School hour. This is not an every week commitment. We need extra helpers to be available when the regular teachers/helpers are not. We are creating a list of those people willing to substitute so replacements can be quickly and easily found. Please contact Louise Nelson at mlcnelson@yahoo.com or 801-281-4824 if you are willing to volunteer.



First Communion Has your child has expressed a desire to receive Holy Communion? Are you as parent(s) or caregiver(s) prepared to have your child participate? Are you curious, wondering what Holy Communion means for you and/or your child?

Then, you are invited to join in a First Communion class. Pastor Steve leads the session on Sunday, September 25, noon until 1:00 PM. A child-friendly meal will be served. Please contact Pr. Steve or the church office if you are planning to attend.



In Our Prayers: God's grace be sufficient for healing Carol Thompson; strength and healing for Ila Larson, Bev Johnson, Cindy

Haverkost, Lacy Foulks, Jenna Foulks, Bruce Sigvardt, Alice Schroeder & Doc; 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 all in troubled marriages. For all in mental distress & their caregivers. For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry. For all who teach and all who learn; for health and safekeeping for Hannah Raasch, Beckie Schmoll, Beth Martial and all mothers with child.

In our prayers....

It is time to update our petitions for loved ones, which are included in our Sunday prayer list. Beginning Sunday, September 4, our published prayer list will be blank. But, it will grow as we renew petitions or add new prayer requests to the list. Prayer requests may be submitted to myself, our office administrator, or written on the Sunday hospitality page. Thank you for contacting us when prayers are no longer needed with those for whom we pray. ~Pr. Steve



Pub Theology

**Are you 21-35 years old?
Looking for some theological
discussion?**

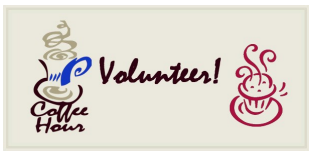
Let's gather the first Wednesday of every month at the Wasatch Brewery, 2110 Highland Dr. in Sugar House. We will start on Wednesday, September 7th at 5:30 PM.

Bring your friends and co-workers. The group can decide the topic of discussion.

Let Lisa know you can make it; youth@zelc.org



Zion's Annual Oktoberfest will be **September 24th, beginning at 5:30 pm**. This is a strong family-oriented tradition at Zion and a great time to meet, chat, and enjoy! **Help is needed** to set up and decorate; clean up; games; kid activities; cooking-grilling; need another grill brought to church. See the posted sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Contact Jon with any questions, jhj87@gmail.com.



Coffee Hour Hosts / Sponsors Needed!

Please sign up to **host or sponsor a coffee hour** after worship. The coffee, cream

and sugar is provided and all you need to bring are some cookies! Can't be here to host, but still want to help? Donate funds to provide the snacks; just mark your envelope and the money will be used on those Sundays when no one has signed up! You don't have to put on a huge spread - it's just coffee and a cookie (or two) while catching up 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.

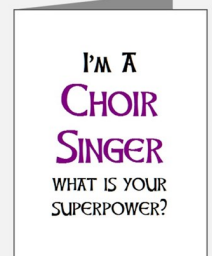
SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Pastor Steve Klemz leads this fall's Bible Study on the **Book of Ruth**, Sundays, 9:15-10:15 in the atrium. The Book of Ruth captures the fears, challenges, and hope of those who find themselves pulled away from home and the challenges of homecomings. We will be invited into the deep emotions of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz as we explore the themes of loss, loyalty, risk and hope.

All are welcome. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. The class begins on September 11.

1st & 3rd Thursday Bible Study—Beginning September 15th, join Pastor Steve in the church library for adult bible study at 11:00 AM. The group will choose the subject.

Small groups --- "Connecting through Grace." Pastor Steve asks your prayerful consideration for leading, hosting, participating in small groups this fall. The groups will explore new ways to connect with Jesus in scripture through the grace of our shared fellowship, as we attend to the little book: *Meta Moments – Transformational Encounters with Christianity's Core*. Pastor Steve has a copy of the book for those who may be interested in leading a small group this fall.

Our **chancel choir** would love to have some new singers join us this year. We welcome singers in all voice parts and if you don't know what part that is, we can help you discover it. Come join us in enhancing worship through song. We rehearse Sunday mornings at 9:15 and sing for the 10:30 worship plus occasional special services. For more information, call Dianne Krehbiel at 801-266-8342.



All are invited to participate in this workshop, which will introduce **Centering Prayer** as a method of silent prayer that prepares us to experience God's presence within us. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to nurture that relationship. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation to communion with Christ. The workshop will include two opportunities to experience Centering Prayer. Workshop facilitated by Christina Gringeri, Contemplative Outreach presenter.

Dates: **Friday, September 16th (6:00 PM to 9:00 PM)**
Saturday, September 17th (8:30 AM to 12:30 PM)

Location: All Saints Episcopal Church (1710 Foothill Blvd, SLC, UT)

Registration Fee: \$35, includes light meals and a copy of the book, *Open Mind, Open Heart*, by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO.

Please register by September 8th, 2016. (Please direct inquiries to Paula Ashcraft at: shcraft.paula@yahoo.com)

YOUTH NEWS

The Herald

Contact: Lisa Mensinger, Director of Youth Ministries at (814-360-6283) or email: youth@zelc.org



The Olympics may be over but we will be training our youth in sports that will challenge their mind and abilities. Coming this fall, we will join in friendly games of Pickleball, Kubb, Curling and Broomball.

Bring a friend and join in the fun after 10:30 am worship on the following Sundays:

Pickle ball = **September 25**

Kubb = **October 16**

Learn Curling at Olympic Oval (Kearns) = **Friday, November 18 & 25**
from 7:30 - 9:30 pm (\$14/session)

Broomball = **January 8, 2017**

Faith Formation Disciples

We begin a new year in our faith formation as Evangelical Lutherans. All youth in 7th to 9th grade please join Lisa on Sunday mornings during Sunday school hour in exploring the New Testament. We will have people from the congregation share their stories during our time together.

All parents and youth please plan to attend the Sunday school hour together beginning at 9:15 am in the Terrace Room on **September 18**. Important information about the Faith Formation Disciple Journey will be shared, along with ways in which we can partner together to increase our faith practices. Bring your calendars.



First Day of Sunday School September 11, 2016

GWOH—All youth 7th to 12th grade please remember to sign up for one of many opportunities to be God's hands in this week of service. We will have opportunities before church such as Pioneer Park with Liz Prystas, or you can participate in the service activities during Sunday School hour set up in the Terrace Room.

Homeless Youth Resource Center

Youth and adults—Help is needed to feed the homeless youth of our city on **Monday, September 26th at 5:00 PM** at HYRC.

Please contact Lisa Mensinger if you are interested in helping out with this meal. youth@zelc.org

September 2016



God's work. Our hands.

at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

10:00 am

Sept 4

8:00 am

Sept 11 Doris Mason

Sept 18 Cantor

Sept 25 Cantor

10:30 am

Sept 11

Sept 18

Sept 25

Ushers:

Doug Graham, Chuck Schmitt,
John Krehbiel, Volunteer

Altar Guild:

Sept 4 Carrie Hinderaker
Denny Gross
Sept 11 Marci Hall
Holly Graham
Sept 18 Steve & Marie Newton
Bruce & Lois Stewart
Sept 25 Carrie Hinderaker
Melissa Livengood

Counters:

Sept 6 Jan & Diane
Sept 12 Diane & Paul
Sept 18 Doug & Kurt
Sept 25 Angie & Bob

Greeters:

Sept 4
Sept 11
Sept 18 Marsha Gilford
Sept 25

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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*"You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God
in whom I put my trust.
Psalm 91:2*

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6—David organ work
6:30-8:30 Meditation Group

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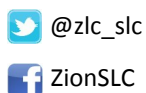
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RMS Theological Conference Sept. 19-22 in Cheyenne WY; Pastor Steve and Lisa Mensinger attending.

Office Admin out of town Sept. 29 & 30



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Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament

AT STANSBURY PARK GOLF COURSE

To Benefit
**LET ME SHINE
PRESCHOOL**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th - 1:00p.m.

Golfers are invited to a complimentary barbecue before you tee off.

Sign Up By Sept. 4th
801.582.2321 or office@zelc.org

SPONSORED BY:



Welcome and greetings as we begin a new school year! It's great to see the school full of life. I've been anticipating the sounds of children in the halls, seeing familiar faces, and new faces too! The classrooms look bright and cheerful once again! God continues to bless Let Me Shine as we begin our 15th year of serving our community. We have wonderful families, an outstanding staff and a great board of directors. Please stop by and see what's happening at Zion during the week-days!

The Let Me Shine 2016-2017 staff is as follows:

Assistant Director	Holly Graham
18 Month	Kristina Schwartz
2 Year Old	Carlee Bell, Heather Gee
Preschool	Kristina Obermark, Anne Schmid
Pre-Kindergarten	Sabrina Bell, Christina Farden, Lezlie Hargrave
Music	Genie Murphy
Aides	April Quinn, Nettie Priet, Kelli Schroeter, Janel Trapp
Media	Nicole Caldwell

May God bless you and our school year.

"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 His Service,
Barb,
Barbara Ballif, Director

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - AUGUST, 2016

- The Worship Planning Team has decided to gradually change the 8:00 am format to a more contemplative, reflective style of worship, not to duplicate the 10:30 service.
- There will be no Living Water services in the upcoming months, however, there will be one planned for sometime in Advent.
- \$350 from Evangelism funds was approved to use for purchasing "Meta Moments" to use in upcoming Small Group studies.
- Thanks be to God for healing for Pastor Steve - his next appointment is not until May 5, 2017.
- A big thanks to Alyce, Marci, Holly, and Susan, who cleaned and organized the Sunday school storage office area.

2016-2017 ZELC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT, Erin Basta | VICE-PRESIDENT, Marsha Gilford | SECRETARY, Nicole Reese
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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, Open Position
Building Admin. Team Leader, Michael Chard