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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
10:00am Worship
Education Hour on break

The Herald

A Word from the Pastor...

Ah, the beginning of summer. I have such hopes for the season. The slow days of summer offer days of leisure. I love our hymnal's timely prayer:

O God, give us times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life.

*Grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds
that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation.*

There are so many possibilities. I hope to take in some hikes, try some camping and host some picnics. Perhaps this will be the summer that I catch up on all that is left undone, from tuck pointing to immersing myself in Sunday planning, reading and reflecting upon this year's peripocies. Maybe I will even get ahead of myself and prepare for that immigration workshop I have been asked to lead at Spirit in the Desert.

For me, E. B White says it best: "I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day."

Maybe it would serve me well to reframe my hope, taking to heart Mary Oliver's directive:

"Let me keep my mind on what matters, which is my work,
on which is mostly standing still and learning to be astonished."

Sounds like something Jesus preached, pointing us to the birds in the air and lilies in the fields so that "our spirits may be opened to the goodness of God's creation."

Pastor Steve Klemz

GENERAL FUND BUDGET UPDATE for 2014

For the month of May, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time gifts spread across the year, amounted to \$31,823, compared to our 4-week donation budget of \$32,308. This is 99% of the amount needed to balance our budget for this 4-week period. Year to date, our giving stands at \$143,977, including one-time gifts spread across the year. This represents 85% 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:

Somewhere between the Mount of Olives Mini Market and the Cana Wedding Wine store, our view of the Holy Land became somewhat distorted. Yet even if the crowds and the commercial aspects of tourism were overwhelming at times and took on something of a theme park resemblance, visiting Israel was a memorable experience for Sandra and me.

The one benefit we'll always enjoy is having a real view of stories and sites from the Bible, beyond just imagining them. And the reality is that tourism is important to the country, which makes these historic sites so accessible.

It truly was remarkable to walk where Jesus and his disciples did nearly 2,000 years ago, and to picture what that must have been like for the people of that time. The Garden of Gethsemane will remain indelible, thinking about how Jesus agonized in the final hours before his death in that setting where some of the gnarled olive trees look as if they existed that long ago.

In a couple of instances, there is debate about exactly where some significant events occurred, including Jesus' being baptized in the Jordan River and the crucifixion and burial, with distinct sites making their claims.

The Garden Tomb was more like I pictured Golgotha; then again, a Lutheran church is next to the other designated location within the Old City of Jerusalem, so maybe I'm partial to that one. The day we were there, an orchestra from the ELCA's Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, was performing. It was fun to witness Lutheran representation in a city dominated by Muslim, Jewish and other faiths.

Overall, if I was expecting the experience to be spiritually transforming to a great degree, I would be disappointed. But it certainly makes the Bible more meaningful.

-Kurt Kragthorpe



CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER NEEDS FOR JUNE:

FOOD OF THE MONTH: Canned fruits / vegetables; will also accept fresh fruits and vegetables all during the summer!

THRIFT STORE NEEDS: Towels: hand, bath and kitchen

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

"Not Counting Women and Children: Neglected Stories from the Bible" by Megan McKenna

"God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World and Why Their Differences Matter" by Stephen Prothero

"The Journey: How to Live By Faith in an Uncertain World" by Billy Graham

Children's Books:

"New Big Sister" by Debi Gliori

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!



Interested in Golf?

Women, men & youth, beginners to advanced players, please join us on Sunday afternoons for a round of golf at local clubs. Play will be enjoyable for all levels of golfers. We will play 9 holes starting around 1 pm followed by a picnic in the park. Scheduled dates are as follows: **June 22, July 20, Aug 10 & Sept 14.** Bring a friend and RSVP to Lisa Mensinger (youth@zelc.org) by the Sunday before, so tee times can be scheduled.



HOW TO WELCOME; WE SAY WE ARE A WELCOMING CHURCH. ARE WE? ARE YOU?

Submitted by Diana Robertson

Every member of Zion is a host and not a guest. Making visitors feel welcome is primarily the responsibility of members, not the nebulous "church."

The most important person for a visitor to talk to in order to feel at home in a new church is **YOU**. It is not the pastor, or the greeter, but a regular attendee. In "Now Go Forward" J. David Eshleman says *"One of the most impressive gestures we can extend to first time visitors is for people with no official position to take the initiative and welcome them."* I smile with joy when I see others welcoming new comers at Zion.

Do you take time to greet visitors warmly and sensitively?

A warm greeting is a crucial first step in making someone feel welcome. If no-one talks to a first-time visitor, they're unlikely to ever come back. Taking time to say a simple hello can be more significant than it might seem. It is also important to take account of why someone is visiting, as someone entirely new to church will require a different response than a Christian new to the area.

I find it helpful to get their name in writing and make notes to help my memory. Then remember it for the next time you see them. When we first started coming to Zion, Maryan greeted us every time she saw us. It really made us feel welcome. And here we are, 7 years later. Be intentional about remembering and greeting.

This article will be continued next month.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed:

Summer is just around the corner-please sign up to volunteer with Zion VBS Music Camp. We always need lots of help-large and small jobs are available. VBS is one of our most important evangelism events of the year since we are spreading the gospel of Jesus directly to many children who we do not see the rest of the year. Please know that any help you are able to give is greatly appreciated and very valuable!

Jobs: Set-up: Sunday, July 27 4-8 pm

Clean-up: Friday, August 1 noon-3

Sunday, August 3 after worship

Lunch Hosts: Come and eat lunch with a small table of children each day - July 28-August 1 - 11:45-12:30 - please commit to the entire week

Chapel Message: 9-9:30 on Tues-Wed or Thur; 2:45-3:00 on M-T-W or Thur: 5 minute message on our theme (Children in the Bible) for chapel time

Copy songbook for each child: Can be done anytime in July-you may use church copier

Check-in: 8:45-9:30 am Monday, July 28

Snack coordinator: purchase and organize preparation of snacks for the week-we will reimburse you for the food costs

Nametags: make nametags for the week-latter part of July

Robing: Sunday morning at 9:30 am, Aug. 3

Guitar: Give your guitar a vacation for the week and loan it to us. We'll be very careful and the guitars will only be played by 5th and 6th graders under careful supervision.

Reception host: Sunday morning greet and visit with parents of children who are not from Zion - prepare coffee and simple snacks for them during our warm-up time 9:15-10:00a.m.-we will reimburse the cost of snacks

Service project helpers: at your convenience-see Susan

Please contact Tracy in the office or Susan Swidnicki : sljswidnicki@gmail.com, if you are available to help. Anyone who will have direct contact with children needs to pass the background check (date of birth and SS# needed) if you have not already done so for Zion. Please prayerfully consider joining us-it's a fun and worthwhile way to help spread the Good News!



****The Ruth Nelson Scholarship Fund****

Our director, Barb Ballif, was contacted about mid-year by a student's parent ... who arrived in Barb's office to withdraw her student. Her budget had changed and she couldn't afford tuition. It was a tough decision for the family, and the parent arrived ready to sign out her child – who loved the teacher and classmates. But our director didn't let the student go, rather was able to offer a partial scholarship from the school's Ruth Nelson Scholarship Fund.

Over the past few years, the Ruth Nelson Scholarship Fund has helped many students with similar stories attend Let Me Shine. This year alone, \$3,000 from the scholarship fund helped families experience Let Me Shine's amazing Christian-based education. We need to build the fund back up so we can continue to assist families. Please prayerfully consider a contribution and drop it in the offering plate. All proceeds will go to the *Ruth Nelson Scholarship Fund* -- and to purchase a new big red six-seater wagon, as the current wagon will be "retired" this year.

Thanks for another great year. Thanks for being part of this community. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Let Me Shine Board of Trustees

Make checks payable to: Let Me Shine Christian Preschool

Let Me Shine Christian Playschool and Preschool is a 501-C3 organization, Federal E.I.N. 460490547.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—MAY, 2014

Paul Mogren updated the council on the progress of raising funds for updating our 1980 Zimmer Pipe organ. The first phase of this campaign will soon be implemented. A letter which will soon be sent to members, former members and friends of Zion asking them to consider supporting this fund-raising effort – a near final draft - was shared with the Council. The second phase will focus on the application for grants from various sources including the Tanner Gift of Music Fund, the Sorenson Foundation, the LDS Foundation and the Spencer and Cleone Eccles Foundation. The third phase will be sharing the gift of music with the community by offering recitals, etc.

A survey was e-mailed to receive feedback from the congregation regarding the electronic bulletin. The net result was positive feedback for use as a pre-worship service Bible study, or for use by shut-ins and others who cannot attend each Sunday. At this time, it doesn't appear that a significant number of people use their tablet or computers in lieu of the paper bulletins, however, so we have not reduced the number of copies printed for each service.

The website has been updated. A "Give" tab has been added to the site to include information on the organ fund, the Ruth Nelson Memorial Fund, and eventually online giving. Other church fund raising can also be put here in the future. The communications committee would like to facilitate online giving and Alane has spoken to Jo Grahn about this. Newsletters will be linked to the website as well as important church documents (i.e. bylaws, budget, etc.). a need to coordinate Facebook, website and other communication avenues has been identified. Common graphics will be used on all communications based on the liturgical calendar. People will be directed back to the webpage from other communications (Facebook and emails) as much as possible.



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, and Hal Sinn.

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



Keeping the Connection through the Summer

by Diana Robertson

Summer is here and group members get busy with vacations, plans and life. How does a group maintain a strong sense of community, closeness, and care if they are to be apart for the better part of June, July, and August? How do they continue to respond to each others' needs?

One thing to keep in mind during this season is that small groups are about relationships—not meetings. You can break from regular meetings, but a group should never break from doing life together.

Here are some creative ways to stay in touch during the summer: Read more on our Small Group blog at: <http://zelc.org/small-group-blog>

QUILTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

with love and a prayer

Church for hosting in April. We had a nice group of 17 quilters. We were able to complete 4 baby quilts and 1 large lap quilt we put on a frame. The quilts were donated to Crossroads Urban Center. We enjoyed seeing each other and loved the tasty treats our friends from Zion Lutheran prepared for us! **Our next meeting will be June 5th at 7:00 pm.** We will be hosted by First Baptist Church, located at 777 South 1300 East. Put it in your planners so you don't forget!

Thanks
so much
to Zion
Lutheran

In Memoriam

Maryan Egan-Baker

September 21, 1929-May 11, 2014

We are several weeks into the Easter season as I make my way into Maryan's room at the Huntsman Cancer Center. She is decidedly frail and weak, dependent upon oxygen, surrounded by a myriad of tubes and monitors. Still, Maryan summons all of her strength to sit up, assuming proper posture and presence, slowly centering herself with each breath. And, behold, she is transformed, not unlike those days on center stage as she readies herself to speak. Now, with all the eloquence that is Maryan, she proclaims, "Christ is risen!"

This is the Gospel this wonderful woman of faith claimed and proclaimed, from a hospital bed or a pulpit in Zion, where strangers and newcomers were welcomed in Christ's resurrection peace. This is the grace she so cherished in Holy Communion. She lived the grace celebrated in the rich cadence of our Eucharistic prayer, that we should "at all times and in all places give thanks" because every time and place is freighted with grace.

Maryan often referred to health care as a "participatory sport." The same could be said of the way she approached her faith, not as spectator but player. We give thanks to God for the many ways she welcomed newcomers into worship. Christmas Eve will never be the same without Maryan's eloquent "Proclamation of Christ's Birth." As a member of the sanctuary choir, Maryan often mused that she was "an alto with the soul of a soprano."

Now, with the soul of a heavenly host, the descant rings as a heavenly soprano sings out, "well done, good and faithful servant."

Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed, alleluia.

Pastor Steve Klemz

HEADS UP: SLC Public Utilities announced pipeline work on Foothill Drive beginning next week (6/2). This project is estimated to last 2-4 weeks. The gate at the south parking lot will remain closed for the duration of this project. The entrances to our north lot will not be blocked; parking on the street east of the church may not be accessible.

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

Youth Events

DAY	EVENT
Sun, June 8 Noon—3 pm	ZESTY's Melon Bowl
June 27—July 1	Western States Youth Gathering At California Lutheran U.
July 13—July 18	Justice Journey 2.0 With youth from Omaha, NE

ZESTY's Melon Bowl

Sunday, June 8th

Noon to 3:00 pm

Stay after 10 am church service on June 8th and enjoy pizza & salad.

At Noon the games will begin. Get ready to run, get wet & engage in some friendly competition.

What a great way to kick off the summer with your peers.

Did I mention there will be a Sundae Bar as well??

Let Lisa know you're coming with or without a friend.

WSYG June 27-July 1

Please keep in your prayers the following youth and adults who will be attending the Western State Youth Gathering. Bob Wenzel, Ben Wenzel, Claire Nelson, Mack Mensinger, Lisa Mensinger, Amanda Bishop (OSLC), Alexas Rude (Elim), Luke Widner (Elim), Micaela "Dr. Quinn" Purdin (Elim).



Justice Journey 2.0

July 13 to 18, 2014

Last summer Zion youth joined youth from New Mexico on a Justice Journey—Art of Storytelling. Word got around and with the help from Sky Ranch, we will be participating in another Justice Journey this summer with 30 youth from Omaha, NE.

The youth from Omaha are curious about life in Utah. We will be walking along side them as we hear the stories of homeless youth, people with addictions as well as refugees.

YOUTH: Interested in making new friends? We are in need of 3-4 youth (9th-12th graders) who will be willing to spend the week with the folks from Omaha and participate in this years Justice Journey. Thanks to Claire Nelson & Mack Mensinger for helping out.

ADULTS: We are in need of people to help prepare food for 40-50 people. If you have a few hours to spare, please see Lisa Mensinger.

Many thanks for the prayers and support in raising awareness of how we walk with all people along their journey of faith.



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June, 2014



at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

10:00am

June 1 Denny Gross
 June 8 Doris Mason
 June 15 Supiano's
 June 22 Fred Strohacker
 June 29 Marsha Gilford

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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"Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."

Psalm 104:30

Ushers:

Bob Steensma, Ron Chytraus,
 Hal Sinn, Chet & Marilyn Johnson

Altar Guild:

June 1 Ann Marie Mogren
 Denny Gross
 June 8 Newtons
 Holly Graham
 June 15 Jan Heins
 Marsha Gilford
 June 22 Marci Hall
 Melissa Livengood
 June 29 Ann Marie Mogren
 Stewarts

Acolytes:

Volunteers needed.

Readers:

Volunteers needed.

Hosts/Greeters:

10:00am

June will be covered by
 Dennis & Margo Bird

ASCENSION 1 10:00 Worship <i>Blessing of Graduates</i>	2 9 Yoga	3	4 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 10 Staff Mtg	5 6:30-8 Meditation Group	6 9 Yoga	7
PENTECOST 8 10:00 Worship <i>1pm Youth Mel- on Bowl Activity</i>	9 9 Yoga 6:30 Cong. Council Mtg	10 10:30 Lib Work 7 Compassionate Friends Mtg	11 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 10 Staff Mtg	12 6:30-8 Meditation Group	13 9 Yoga 12:30 Lunch for cyclists Push America Cyclists (36) overnight(s)	14
FATHER'S DAY 15 7:30 Breakfast for cyclists 10:00 Worship	16 9 Yoga	17 10:30 Lib Work 3 Book Club	18 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 10 Staff Mtg	19 6:30-8 Meditation Group	20 9 Yoga	21 4:30 Krehbiel/ Hansen Wed- ding Rehearsal
Let Me Shine Preschool Camp Monday thru Friday from 9am to 1pm						
22 10:00 Worship <i>ELCA Refugee Sunday</i> <i>Krehbiel/Hansen Wedding</i>	23 9 Yoga	24 10:30 Lib Work	25 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga 10 Staff Mtg 7pm LMS Board Mtg	26 6:30-8 Meditation Group	27 9 Yoga Youth to WSYG in California 6/27-7/1	28
29 10:00 Worship	30 9 Yoga					



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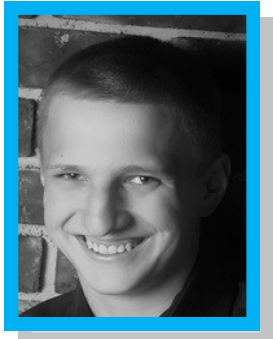


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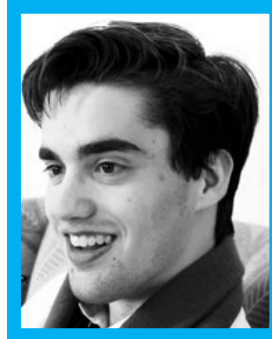
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2014 GRADUATES



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West High School



George Metos
West High School



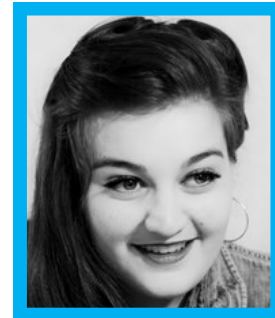
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