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WELCOME!



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.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Here's my Easter Sunday sermon. I regret to say that it is not for you. But it *is for you* to share with a friend, neighbor or family member who does not worship on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday Sermon

A funny thing happened on my way to Easter Sunday worship today: *The Herald*, Zion's church newsletter became my pulpit. If you are not surrounded by Easter lilies and choirs with morning sunlight falling through stained glass windows then, "Blessed are you." In fact, if Christ's rising from the dead sounds like so much nonsense, you are in good company. When women, the first preachers of the Easter event told their story to the apostles and disciples, "these words seemed to them an idle tale." Why should it be different for you?

Whether you are submerged in your Sunday newspaper or coming down from your sugar high after bingeing on chocolate bunnies --- here's an Easter sermon you deserve to hear.

I use the word "deserve" intentionally; it is stronger than "needs," as if the gospel were an unpleasant medicine you have to swallow. It is more like, "You've got to hear this!" "For God so loved the world...." You are loved. God loves the whole world, this beautiful, battered, fragile, fractured world. This is the good news of Easter: the One who is love, was raised from the dead, and his Spirit is now loose in the world. It's not only life, but love that is stronger than death.

For Easter to be Easter, love needs to embrace our deep hurts, broken hearts and dying spirits. Easter calls us into the opioid crisis; homelessness; resurgence of white nationalism and racism; death penalty; families torn apart by detention/deportation; suicide; hate crimes; mistreatment, sexual harassment and assault on women; red air day; dying alone; 17 minutes of silence.

Like the first Easter morning, we join the women at the tomb, the realm of death. But we do not remain there. Death may have the last word, but it is not the final word. Easter compels us to see signs of new life even in places where life is diminished and dying.

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UPCOMING ZION EVENTS

EASTER BRUNCH (SUN, APR 1)

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Pancakes + Fruit + Breakfast Meat

Come and enjoy breakfast at the church.
Free will donations will go towards Youth Trips.

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

April 29th, 2018 at the 10:30 am worship -
Celebrating the music leadership of Dianne Krehbiel

Dianne has been a music leader in our church for 25 years and as an educator for longer than that. She helped build and expand the strong music tradition at Zion Lutheran Church during her tenure as chancel choir director. We will miss her energy, musical abilities, and humor in that position.

Join Zion's church musicians this day as they present musical pieces in Dianne's honor. Join us for the service and for a reception to follow in the Terrace Room.

SUMMER CAMPING (JUL 13-15)

SAVE THE DATE: Zion Camping Weekend - Zion's annual camping weekend this year will be to the Avintaquin Campground in Ashley National Forest, North of Castle Gate (toward Duchesne) about 2 hours from SLC. We have the group site.

See you there, 7/13 - 7/15!
Questions can be directed to Jon Hall,
jhjh87@gmail.com

QUILTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

Meeting at Zion on Thursday, April 5, 7:00-8:00 PM downstairs in the terrace room. All women encouraged to attend. No previous experience necessary!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15am or 10:30am

Education hour: 9:15am

SOCIAL ACTION FORUM (SUN, APR 15)

Topic: Fact Checking

Next gathering scheduled for Sunday, April 15th at noon downstairs. Fred Strohacker presents: "...are you sure that's true? You Don't Say"; a list of good sources for fact checking in these confusing times will be presented.

All are welcome — bring a friend!

CUBS HOME OPENER (MON, APR 9)

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! All are welcome to watch the Cubs home opener at my home, Monday, April 9.

Hotdogs will be served. Bring your favorite beverage. The first pitch is at 12:20. Even though the game is in the friendly confines of Wrigley Field, guests are not required to cheer for the Cubs vs. the Pirates. However, we will all stand and sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" for the seventh inning stretch.

Pr. Steve Klemz, 5126 Lucky Clover Lane, Murray, 84123



LADIES NIGHT OUT (FRI, APR 6)

Friday, April 6th @ 6:30 PM.

Ladies, please join us for an evening out over drinks. We'll meet at the fun Elixir Lounge at the mouth of the Cottonwood Canyons! Located at 6405 South 3000 East, right next door to Trio Cottonwood; delicious food is also available.

Let's spend an evening relaxing before the chaos of the summer hits.

Please RSVP to Christy at 806-470-3973 by voicemail or text. See you soon!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CROSSROADS' BEER, BLUES, & BRATS

Crossroads Urban Center's 8th Annual Beer, Blues, and Brats Benefit Party, Sunday, April 29, 2018 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Mountain West Hard Cider building, 425 North 400 West, SLC 84103.

Beer provided by Epic Brewing Company. Feast on handmade brats by locally-owned Beltex Meats, baked beans, salad, coleslaw, and delectable desserts. Vegan and gluten-free food options and gluten-free cider from Mountain West Hard Cider.

Groove to music and bid and WIN Silent auction gifts from our numerous local supporters! \$45 in advance / \$50 at the door.

Go to www.crossroadsurbancenter.org or call (801) 364-7765 for tickets.

VOA FOUNDERS DAY (TUE, APR 17)

VOA Founders Day Breakfast, Tuesday, April 17th, 7:30 AM at Little America Hotel. This is the annual benefit to aid individuals suffering from homelessness, addiction and mental illness.

To register, go to www.voaut.org/breakfast today!

AGENCY FAIR (WED, APR 25)

Save the Date!! Annual Agency Fair For Students and Adults with Disabilities - Their Families and Teachers. Information provided about employment, advocacy, education, housing, health care, recreation and more! April 25, 2018, 6:00- 8:00 p.m., Granger High School, 3580 s. 3600 w. , West Valley City. Presented by Granite District Transition Services. With questions, please call 385-646-7353.

DISCUSSIONS, STUDIES, & SMALL GROUPS

PUB THEOLOGY (WED., APRIL 11)

7:00pm, Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at Desert Edge Brewery in Trolley Square. Contact Lisa Mensinger for more info.

This month, our guest Teresa Newport will lead the group discussion/activity.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us & discuss God's Word! Studying the scriptures from the Taking Faith Home bulletin insert.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR STEVE

Sundays in the Atrium, 9:15-10:15 AM. In April, leaders of this bible study will be announced while Pastor Steve teaches the K-3 graders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITALITY HOSTS

Volunteers Needed: We need two or three people to serve as hospitality hosts offering refreshments for approximately 20 people on Tuesday, April 10th from Noon to 1:00 PM as ZELC welcomes CORC's monthly meeting in our atrium. Wednesday, April 18th, Zion will host the Interfaith Roundtable meeting, serving lunch to approximately 45 people in Zion's atrium from 11:00 until 1:00. The provisions will be provided; we just need people to serve them.

Meal Train

Zion Friends, As you may know, Louise Nelson is scheduled for surgery on Monday, April 2. If you would like to support her and her family with meals during her recovery, please click on the link and use the site to pick a day. All details are included, but if you have any trouble, feel free to reach out to Christy Hillock at little.christy@gmail.com.
<https://mealtrain.com/20q798>
Thank you!

LIBRARY CORNER

Thanks for all who have donated books recently to 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!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Christ's healing presence with Dianne Krehbiel, Rodney Schroeder, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Mary Benns. For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry.

NEW MINISTRY

Pamela Atkinson developed a new ministry, "Devotionals with our Homeless Friends" at St. Vincent De Paul/Weigand Day Center. Our congregation participates in this ministry through Lisa Mensinger and myself, who are privileged to lead these gatherings two Thursdays per month. Fresh donuts/bagels and orange juice are served with a reflection from God's Word, ending with a bidding of prayers.

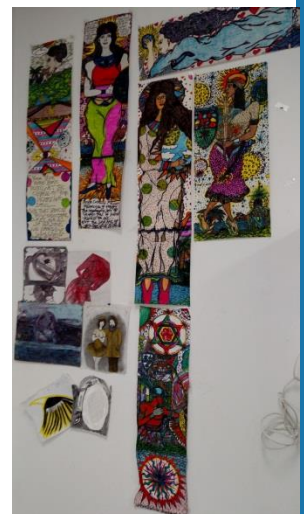
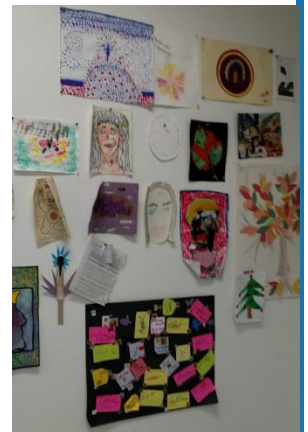
Since the people of Zion were included in our last devotion, I only thought it fair to share part of what I crafted: A Psalm with our Homeless Friends:

O Homeless God, you find your home among those who have no homes and to them, you grant a place in your heart.

O Welcoming God, help us to live in your hospitality that we may make this world a welcome home that all may live in the shelter of your grace.

Praise to you, O God, for that new day when we – your children, now sisters and brothers, will dwell in the house of the Lord – forever.

----- Pr. Steve Klemz



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BUILDING UPDATE

Lots of behind-the-scenes work has been going on, with exploratory visits from electricians, window glaziers, and contractors. Everything is moving along well and the plan still is to concentrate on getting the work done between the end of the Let Me Shine year (May 25 is the last day of school) and the beginning of Vacation Bible School on August 6. We intend for the entire project to be completed during July and August. [Spoiler alert: Greater Zion Day, the anniversary of Zion's founding July 18, 1882, occurs during the construction period, so watch for a special, "cool," GZD celebration.]

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR...

[Continued from page 1] Viktor Frankl remembers Jews in death camps who, though condemned, walked among others, comforting them, giving away their last pieces of bread. In the midst of death, they chose life. We see it on children's posters, with drawings that call us to celebrate the beauty of God's good creation. Emma Gonzalez, called us into the heart-wrenching six minutes and twenty seconds in Marjory Stoneman Douglas H.S. Still, with broken hearts, we March for Our Lives. First Unitarian Church and SLC Sanctuary Network stand for welcome, providing safe haven and new life for a mother and her children. Follow Pamela Atkinson (Utah's Mother Teresa) as she tirelessly organizes new ways for us to love "our homeless friends." Feel the compassion shared by volunteers, sitting with hospital patients who have no family or friends as they near end of life. Come visit this community of faith in Zion. Here you will meet Art Sutherland, a tireless advocate for those who are poor. Enjoy Verna Hanson's heart-felt greeting. If you are lucky, you will be on the receiving end of her chocolate chip cookies, shared in times of celebration and sorrow.

Thank you for listening. By now you may have noticed that Easter is about life with a love that is stronger than death. Easter love reaches deep into our broken world and loves our broken hearts into new life. Choose love and life. But, know that you are loved, even if your Easter means eating another chocolate bunny.

Pastor Steve

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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. Please know that all children are welcome to attend Sunday school anytime. Our Sunday school children are a casual and fun group that is very welcoming to all. So, if you have or know of children please invite them to come.

Dates to note are:

April 29 – Joyful NOIZ playing for the 10:30 worship

May 13 – Cherub Choir singing for the 10:30 worship

May 20 – Pentecost Sunday; Youth & Children's choirs singing, along with Joyful NOIZ at 10:30 worship.

LET ME SHINE PRESCHOOL

I recently had the privilege of attending the ELEA 2018 Pastor and Administrator Conference in Minneapolis. It is a blessing to be part of the Lutheran school network and I had a great experience! It was a special time of worship, affirmation and learning. I look forward to sharing and implementing the new ideas I gained at the conference. Also, Let Me Shine celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week and we enjoyed our dress-up days, visits from Hogle Zoo and Storytime with Anderson Library!

"Thank you, Zion" for providing this amazing opportunity for so many children. Your ministry makes a difference in the lives of our students, our congregation, and our community.

In Christ,
Barb (Barb Ballif, Director)

"For God so loved the world, He gave his only begotten Son to die for us, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

FAITH FORMATION DISCIPLES

Our Faith Formation Disciples celebrated their Affirmation of Baptism at the 10:30 service on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Thank you to all the Faith Coaches for being another caring adult in these peoples lives.

Congratulations to Zoe Caldwell, Andrew Hall, Augustus Hickma, Lily Scaife, Lily Mayer, Margaret Mayer, Jenna Foulks, and Marcus Zaba!



DODO BIRD FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who participated in spreading joy across the valley. We raised \$805.00 and all the proceeds will go toward ELCA World Hunger—Global Farming. ELCA Youth across the country are participating in raising \$500,000 for Global Farming initiative. We thank you for your support.

REFUGEE CULTURAL NIGHT (WED, APR 4)

April 4, 2018 from 6-8:30 pm
Granite School District Offices

All youth attending the Houston gathering are required to come as this is one of our getting ready workshops. We will have dinner at 6 pm with the group and flush out the details of the trip.

HOUSTON, HERE WE COME!

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering: June 27 – July 1, 2018

Please keep in your prayers youth and adults going to Houston this June: Luke, Rex, Zoe, Andrew Hall & Thomas, "Dr. Quinn" (Micaela) & Lydia, Chris, Connor & Jasmine, Jacob, Andrew, Maya, Jordanelle, Kyleigh, Bob, Steve H. Carla & Lisa.

NEXT PLANNING MEETINGS

April 4: Understanding the Utah Refugee Connection

SAVE THESE DATES

Sun, April 29, 1-3pm: Our Saviour's Church

Sun, June 3: Swimming party, place TBD

COUNCIL CORNER

NOTE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Zion Lutheran Church Members,

As I sit and write this, I have just completed the agenda for our monthly church council meeting and made copies for all members of the council and the number of needed copies has decreased. As you may know, we have openings in the council for various positions, some require more work than others, but most are organizing groups to complete the ministries and functions that we all expect at Zion. Unfortunately, some members have had to step down due to various reasons and we are at a point where I need to ask you to prayerfully consider stepping into one of the vacant positions. There are many members who have served before. There are many members who have considered, but never took the final step in joining council. There are those who are new to Zion that are wondering if they are able to become a council member so early into their membership (membership is defined as attending worship and contributing financially to Zion). If you fit into any of these categories, your church needs your help. Meetings are once each month and we typically have treats. If you are interested, please email me at dhrbrgraham@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing my email account explode with enthusiastic interest.

Peace, Doug Graham, Council President

ZELC COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH MEETING

- We made a motion to suspend the Church Bylaws for the time being regarding Council number. At this time, we do not have 12 Council Members, so we are operating with a reduced load. This will continue until more members volunteer for Council, or until we rewrite the Bylaws
- Summer worship will start Memorial Day weekend and continue through Labor Day. It will be one service at 10:00 a.m.
- Juan de Dios Lopez will be preaching at Zion September 16th
- Ann Marie reported the website updating and the new Servant Keeper program is progressing nicely
- Because of construction, we will not have a picnic for Greater Zion Day. It will be celebrated July 22nd (since camping weekend is July 15th) with an ice cream social after worship

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

| | 10:30am Assisting Ministers | Ushers | Altar Guild | 10:30am Greeters | Counters | Refreshments |
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| Apr 1 | Marsha Gilford | volunteers needed! | Newton, Heins & Stewart | Please volunteer | Jan, Fred, Jane, Ann Marie | Youth Brunch |
| Apr 8 | Scott Reuschel | volunteers needed! | Marci & Holly | Please volunteer | Bob + Sandra | Volunteer |
| Apr 15 | Denny Gross | volunteers needed! | Carrie & Denny | Please volunteer | Andrew + Marci | Volunteer |
| Apr 22 | Eric Hinderaker | volunteers needed! | Ann Marie & Marsha | Please volunteer | Paul + Bob | Volunteer |
| Apr 29 | Rachel Kibler | volunteers needed! | Jan & Holly | Please volunteer | Marci + Erin | volunteer |

APRIL 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1 EASTER SUNDAY 8:15 Worship 8:30 Brunch 10:30 Worship | 2 OFFICES CLOSED 9 Yoga-based exercise LMS Back in session | 3 9 Staff Mtg 10 Utah Conference 10:30 Library 6:30-9 G/A Chorus | 4 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 11:40 LMS Chapel 6-8:30 Youth workshop for Natl Gathering | 5 6:30-8:30 Meditation Group 7-8 Quilters w/o Borders | 6 9 Yoga-based exercise 6:30 Ladies Night @ Elixir Lounge 6:30 G/A Chorus | 7 U of U Natl Society for Leadership & Success Fundraiser Car Was in Zion's north parking lot 3:00-6:30 pm Private Violin Recitals |
| 8 8:15 Worship 9:15 Education Hr 10:30 Worship | 9 9 Yoga-based exercise 12:20 Cubs Home Opener @ Pr. Steve's 6:30-8:30 Girl Scouts Mtg | 10 - 9 Staff Mtg 10:30 Library 11:40 LMS Chapel Noon-CORC Mtg 6:15 Council Mtg 6:30-9 G/A Chorus 7 Compassionate Friends Mtg | 11 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 4:15 Miss Anne's Girl Scout Mtg 7 Pub Theology @ Desert Edge Brewery | 12 7:15 Pr Steve w/Homeless Friends Devo 4:30 Worship Planning Mtg 6:30-8:30 Meditation Group | 13 9 Yoga-based exercise | 14 |
| 15 8:15 Worship 9:15 Education Hr 10:30 Worship Noon-Action Forum | 16 9 Yoga-based exercise | 17 9 Staff Mtg 10:30 Library 6:30-9 G/A Chorus | 18 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 11:40 LMS Chapel 11 SL Interfaith Roundtable Mtg | 19 6:30-8:30 Meditation Group | 20 9 Yoga-based exercise | 21 |
| 22 8:15 Worship 9:15 Education Hr 10:30 Worship ZY Jam | 23 9 Yoga-based exercise 6:30-8:30 Girl Scouts Mtg | 24 9 Staff Mtg 10:30 Library 3 Book Club 6:30-9 G/A Chorus | 25 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise Noon-2 LMS Staff Mtg | 26 7:15 Pr Steve w/Homeless Friends Devo 6:30-8:30 Meditation Group | 27 9 Yoga-based exercise | 28 |
| 29 8:15 Worship 9:15 Education Hr 10:30 Worship Joyful NOIZ | 30 9 Yoga-based exercise | | | | | |