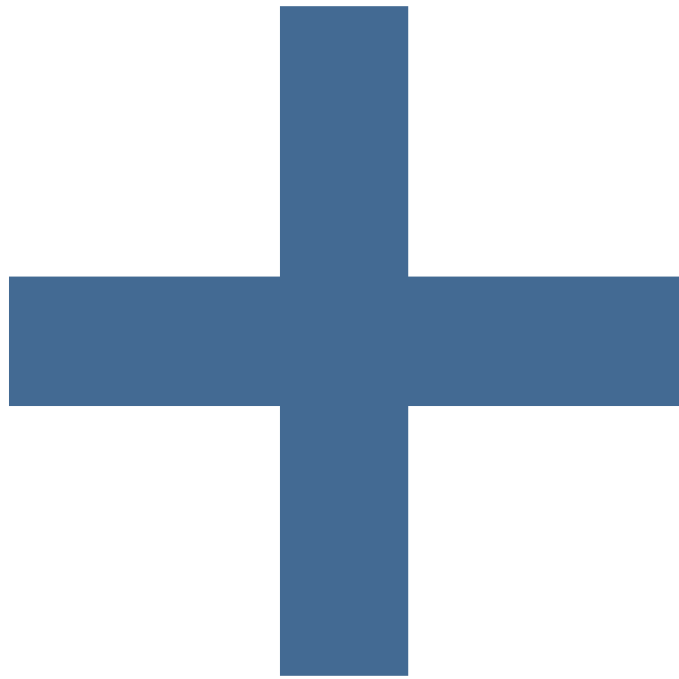


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# THE HERALD

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## A Word from the Pastor

**God's Work. Our Hands.** That is how we are known through our ELCA church body's slogan. As slogans go, I love the image. The broken piece of bread placed on our hands in the Holy Meal is God's holy work in us, transforming us to become the body of Christ. Our hands are the sign of God's gracious presence in the world. As we say in Zion's slogan, we are connecting through grace.

Summer is often a time to step back and give our hands a rest. Still, God continues to be at work and thankfully, our hands are not all resting at the same time. See how God is working through us in this month's Sunday worship.

### Sunday, August 4

God is working through the life-giving waters of baptism, for Eva Elizabeth Gebhard. And, for those who gather at the Guinavah Unita-Wasatch-Cache-National Forest for Zion's annual camping weekend, the Spirit is at work, calling us to open our hands in gratitude for God's good creation.

### Sunday, August 11

We will celebrate how God has been at work through our Vacation Bible School music camp, nurturing and teaching children, as well as encouraging the leadership gifts of our camp counselors. On this Sunday, we will celebrate some of the music camp's songs and stories.

### Sunday, August 18

God will be at work as we welcome Rev. Monica Dobbins as our guest preacher. She is the Associate Pastor, First Unitarian of Salt Lake City. Pr. Monica recently led their youth in a trip through Alabama, exploring African American/slave history and civil rights landmarks. "Monsters in the Closet" is her sermon theme.

I hope you can join us for the forum, which follows worship, 11:15-12:15. We will roll up our sleeves to do the hard work of confronting the sin of racism. Pr. Monica suggests a subtitle for our forum: "Moving Forward from Racial Terror in Alabama and Utah."

### Sunday, August 25

We pray the blessing of the Holy Spirit, to be at work among Sunday School teachers, helpers, and for faith coaches in Faith Formation Development (which used to be called "confirmation"). The installation of teachers will also call to mind God's blessing with those who head back to school.

These are just a few of the ways God will be at work in our lives.

Remembering Christ's saving work, speaking, "Peace be with you" -- and the blessing of our hands in worship, "Go in peace. Serve the Lord."

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Steve Klemz  
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# Youth News

## Luther Heights Bible Camp

Thank you for your prayers and support to take 5 youth from Ascension and 2 youth from Elim to Luther Heights Bible Camp in Idaho. The trip began with a funny and beautiful Blessing Sending by Pastor Rick from Ascension. Two of the youth, Savannah & Isaac, canoed around Redfish Lake most of the week, while the rest of the gang and Lisa had a blast horseback riding along Redfish Lake, etc. We learned some fun songs and worshipped by the campfire every night. For so many of the youth this was their first time for everything, and they were so deeply grateful to be there. Please keep in your prayers all the youth who attended: Savannah, Isaac, Lauren, Ryan, Madi, KC, Lydia & our counselors Danika, Mikel, McKinley & Eric.



## Faith Formation Disciples

Hey Faith Formation Disciples - Berkley, Gambit, Thor, Angus, Owen & Joe!  
and Faith Coaches - Kayla M., Nathan S., Kurt K., Joe D., Ingrid, and Brian M.  
**Save the date!!!**

Promise Sunday BBQ - August 25  
after 10 am worship  
Murray Park  
Noon to 2 pm

Faith Coach Orientation Meeting will be held this month. Faith Coaches will meet with Pr. Steve and V. Lisa for an orientation meeting this month. Details will be sent out through email.

### Are you my neighbor?

#### Are You My Neighbor?

On Tuesday, July 23, Marci, Eric, and Andrew Hall along with Brian & Lisa Mensinger hosted 12 youth and 4 adults from Bethlehem Lutheran in Longmont, CO. We had a BBQ at Antelope Island and swam in the Salt Lake, and then the CO youth lead campfire worship. Deaconess Kristen Balstrum led the CO Youth Mystery adventure, which began in Grand Junction doing 10 hours of service projects for a homeless shelter, and they stopped at Zion for two days to learn about the Mormon culture in Salt Lake City. Their next stop was to learn about the Native American culture in Wyoming.

Thanks to the CO youth for staying with us at Zion and for the "little things" they did like clean the church's refrigerator. Please keep Deaconess Kristen & her crew in your prayers.

## A Vicar's Voice

"Wow, I finished my first month as the shared Intern between Elim and Zion. The Holy Spirit has called two different assemblies together that share a common faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. God is so good!

At Elim, I have had the privilege of visiting many people in their homes or health facilities, and their hospitality towards a new friend, like me, has been outstanding. I have met people who have lived in Ogden most of their 80 years. I have seen pictures of a German soldier from WWII - who is still very active in his 90's and who is still in love with his beautiful wife.

My first sermon at Elim was well received, and it was about being in Martha's house. (Luke 10:38-42). Elim is a welcoming church that welcomes new friends, like me, and loves to get reacquainted with old friends, too.

Pastor Reba and Pastor Bruce have put together a "Roaring" VBS on Monday afternoons (3:30-6 pm) for the next 4 weeks. Needless to say, I had a lot of fun doing my job, which was to spray the kids with cold water!! "When life is unfair.....God is so good!"

Thank you people of Zion for supporting this outreach mission that is bringing new life into the congregation at Elim."



Lisa M. Mensinger



**In Memoriam**

# **Bev Johnson**

**November 18, 1930 - July 21, 2019**

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are!" - 1 John 3:1*

*"Bev's love for the children of God was so great, that it could not be contained in one faith community. In her local ward and in her friends' pew at Zion, she celebrated God's love for all children. She often commented on the hospitality page for worship, "loved the children and pastor's way of being with the children." When her great-granddaughter attended Let Me Shine Preschool, she never missed an event. In her heart of hearts, she knew how the kingdom is received, as Jesus promised, like the faith of a child.*

*Of course, Bev was every bit a child herself. That is what happens when you know that you are loved. You enjoy life and, like all children who love gifts, you cherish and receive the gifts God entrusts with beloved family and friends. And, you receive these gifts in joy and thanksgiving. So, why not break out in song as Bev often did, singing a ditty of life and joy?*

*Bev never got over playing "dress up." Purses matched outfits and lipstick went perfectly with the color of fingernails. She will always remind me of Colossians 3:12 (paraphrased): "You are loved and chosen by God! So, dress accordingly. Put on love .... and, be thankful."*

*I will always cherish the lipstick mark she left on my white stole. How good it is to be loved. How good it is for Bev to rest in God's eternal love for her." - Pastor Steve*

Come one, come all!! The annual Salmon Run will be held Saturday, August 24 at 6 pm at Mark and Kathie Supiano's house 465 Marathon Circle. We welcome all regular attendees and extend a special invitation to newer members and visitors. This is a wonderful adult fellowship opportunity and we will have a meal served up by master grillers! Bring a dish to share and BYOB. Suggested donation \$10 per person. Please sign up in the narthex, so that we can better plan our food.

## Salmon Run - August 24

### Sunday Scripture

In order to reduce our carbon footprint, the Zion Worship planning team has recommended that we do not print the scripture lessons in the Sunday bulletin. If worshippers reference the readings in the pew Bibles, we will save approximately 5,000 pages per year.

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Join the Zion community as we head north for a summer camping trip. The location is the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest (near Logan) Grp-C, Bridge, Guinavah. There will be a potluck dinner Saturday night and a fireside worship.

Arrive Friday after 3 pm if you want to be the first ones, after 5 pm if you want people there! Saturday evening around 6 will be a potluck. Make a dish to share, and we'll eat together! Around 7:30 pm, we'll have fireside worship with songs and prayers, led by Lisa. Sunday morning, clear out by 1 pm. You are welcome to join us during the day Saturday and not camp! Bring chairs.

- Provided: a couple bundles of firewood, smiles
- You should bring: camping equipment plus some cash for each night to cover the cost of the reservation

Directions: In Logan, UT, at intersection of US 89 and 91 (Main and 400 No.), turn east onto US. 89 North



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Assembly

The Churchwide Assembly will convene in Milwaukee, August 5-10. The Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the church. The election of a Presiding Bishop and the adoption of an Inter-Religious Policy Statement highlight the agenda. Go to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) to follow Assembly. We pray for our church. We affirm Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's purpose for the Assembly: "When members of the assembly participate in and make decisions about the mission and ministry of the ELCA: We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world." The agenda highlights: the election of a Presiding Bishop, to act on Inter-Religious Policy Statement, to act on the social statement, *Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action*.



### Green Tip: From Recycle Utah

(via the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City Prayer & Action Network)

The Recycle Utah staff are often asked, "How clean do soup cans have to be?" and "Do we have to crush our soda cans?" and "Why do we have to take the caps off?" The short answers are "Pretty clean," "Yes," and "To separate one type of plastic from another."

Long answers are another matter. It's all about "product life cycle" or more colloquially, making lemonade out of lemons. When you recycle metal soup cans, they will become another product. For best results, the people who transform your soup cans would like to start with clean metal. So the more you rinse, the easier their job and the less material they discard due to contamination.

When you crush soda cans, Recycle Utah can send 75% more cans to recyclers in one shipment. That means fewer trucks using less fuel transporting more soda cans. It makes simple economic and environmental sense to crush aluminum cans.

When you take bottle caps off bottles, you're doing an even bigger service. That's because bottle caps are made from a totally different type of plastic than #1 PETE water bottles and #2 PETE milk bottles. New products cannot be made from contaminated plastic shipments. So sorting all plastic into the proper bins helps the environment.

Sometimes short answers need to be explained to help people make the extra effort.

### United in Hope: The 2nd Annual Suicide Prevention Summit for Faith Leaders

The Summit effectively and compassionately equips faith leaders with capabilities needed to prevent suicide and provide care and comfort to all those affected by suicide. The Summit has graciously extended an invitation for a second person to attend. If you would like to join Pastor Steve, please contact him, at [pastor@zelc.org](mailto:pastor@zelc.org) or the church office soon.

August 22, 8- 2:45 pm  
Miller Conference Center  
9750 S. 300 West, Sandy



## Organ Update - Phase 2

David Chamberlin and Bigelow Organs continued work on Phase 2 of the organ renovation project this last month.



*David working in the Swell box*

This work requires a sharp eye, a sharp ear, and some patience. A capable assistant with a good ear (Conner Kunz) at the keyboard helps a lot too, to carefully tune the pipes. David is excited about the new sounds that are beginning to emerge and looks forward to demonstrating them later in the fall when this phase of the work is done.



*David measuring the toe hole*

This kind of work requires precision attention to detail. Note the photo showing David measuring the toe hole - where the air goes into the pipe - to the nearest 1/10 millimeter.

As always, thank you to everyone who continues to support this project with ongoing contributions or via a one-time donation. If you would like to add your support, see the giving links on the Zion web page, or give via cash, check, PayPal, or direct deposit, noting it as a donation to the organ fund. Thank you!

## Child Care Needed

Nursery Attendant needed for Summer and into Fall for Sunday worship service. This is a paid position and requires a background check. Please contact [office@zelc.org](mailto:office@zelc.org) for more information or to apply.

## Save the Date

July 18, 2032

Zion's Sesquicentennial

Join us on July 18, 2032 as Zion celebrates 150 years of connecting, welcoming, worshiping, and being a part of the Utah community.

## In our prayers:

Christ's healing presence with Linde Warthal, Elfie Wright, John Krehbiel with continued recovery for Terri Moffit, Ron Finner, Cindy Haverkost; for all who journey in addiction in this community of faith; for our pastor and congregation leaders; for all who teach and all who learn.

# Worship Volunteers

## Altar Guild

August 4: Ann Marie Mogren + Denny Gross  
August 11: Marci Hall + Marsha Gilford  
August 18: Steve & Marie Newton + Holly Graham  
August 25: Carrie Hinderaker + Bruce & Lois Stewart

## Counters

August 4: Sandra Kragthorpe + Fred Strohacker  
August 11: Diane Teece + Bob Hackworth  
August 18: Ethel Olson + Ann Marie Mogren  
August 25: Paula Dastrup + Andrew Benseler

## Assisting Ministers

August 4: Volunteer Needed  
August 11: Denny Gross  
August 18: Volunteer Needed  
August 25: Ellen Liu

If you'd like to volunteer to be a greeter, an usher, or host coffee hour, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office.

## Update from Let Me Shine

September isn't far off and we are busy in the school office preparing for the new school year! We have LMS staff workshops on August 5 & 12, Back to School Night on August 26, Meet the Teacher Day on August 28 and the first day of school is September 3. We have full enrollment with 111 children and 96 families!

God has given us an amazing opportunity to share His word with all the children and families attending our preschool. Please continue to keep Let Me Shine and its staff in prayer as we go forth to serve the Lord and share His love with the children.

In His Service,

*Barb*

Barbara Ballif,  
Director

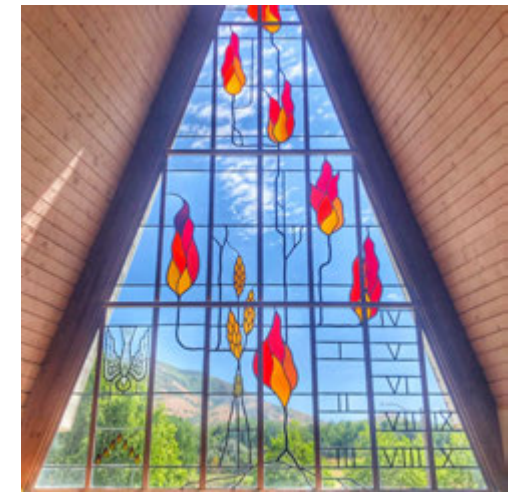
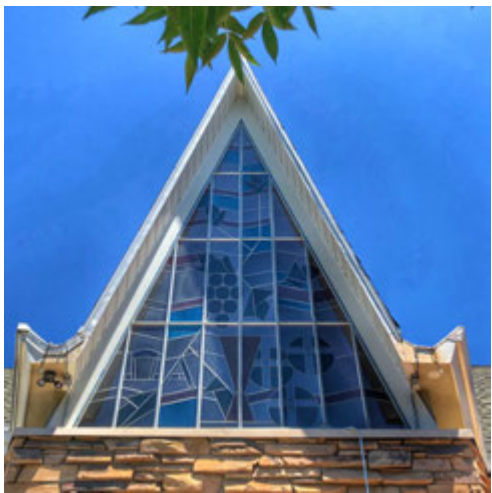


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