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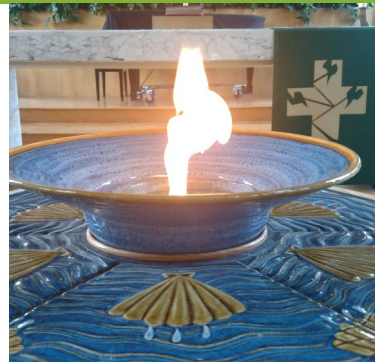
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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



The baptismal waters caught fire in this morning's Let Me Shine Preschool chapel message. I wanted the children to imagine how God's love is transformed into the light of Psalm 27:

Lord, you are my Light and my Savior, so, why should I be afraid?

As I look at the font, the flame reminds me of the lighted candle given to the newly baptized, as the assisting minister says,

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

This holy light from holy baptismal promises moves us to see God's light in and through the people around us in the Body of Christ.

We give thanks to God for the way gospel light has shone in and through Tracy Hackworth, who has gone beyond all expectations in her service as office administrator. The position became a ministry, attending to our needs, sharing our joys and sorrows, while transforming an office into a holy space and place of welcome and hospitality.

We give thanks for the light of this congregation's generosity. Through your financial gifts, we ended the year "in the black," supporting the mission entrusted to us. Beginning this year, our offerings make a difference in reducing our carbon footprint with building renovation.

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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.

UPCOMING ZION EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 AM Awakening Worship

9:15 AM Sunday school for children & adults

10:30 AM Traditional Worship

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Adult Open Forum Bible Discussion

All are welcome to discuss the current Sunday's lessons, focusing on the Gospel. We meet at 9:15-10:15 in the room across from the sanctuary.

GRANDVIEW UNIVERSITY CHOIR

Zion will host the Grandview University Choir March 16-17, 2019. They will perform at Zion on Sunday afternoon, March 17th at 4:00 PM with reception to follow.

Housing is needed for the choir members; they will be housed in pairs. Please prayerfully consider hosting a couple of the university students. There will be 21 women, 14 men and 3 staff persons.

We are honored to host them as SLC is the farthest west they will venture on their choir tour. Grandview University is an ELCA college in Des Moines, Iowa.

YOGA-BASED EXERCISE CLASS

Feel young again with balance, strength and flexibility! Please consider joining this small group!

We meet each Monday / Wednesday / Friday at 9:00 AM in the atrium — it's fun and it's free!

SAVE THE DATE

"Connecting through Grace" is our theme during Lent.

A brown bag scripture gathering is offered from noon until 1:00, Wednesdays in Lent (3/6 thru 4/10).

On March 6th, Midweek Lenten Worship begins at 7:15 PM with Haugen Evening Prayer. Bible study and discussion groups will meet from 6:30 until 7:15. Our traditional soup suppers precede the evening's events, beginning at 6:00 PM.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Children's Inter-Denominational Choir Festival at ZELC coming in the spring, led by Susan Swidnicki. More details to next month.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR....

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The light shines through the witness of Rodney and Erin Schroeder, faithful in worship and leaders in stewardship. In our farewell blessing, the light of their witness extends to their new home and church

in St. George, Utah.

The light shines through our baptismal witness all the way to Faith and Poverty Day on the Hill, where we "strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

And, dear beloved sisters and brothers in Zion, in the waters of baptism we are "beloved." Now, in faith, we walk in God's promise envisioned by the prophet Isaiah:

*I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God.*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BEGINNING MEDITATION CLASS 2019

Insight meditation, also known as Vipassana, is an ancient practice of Buddhist meditation. The student trains to be aware of the mind/body process for the purpose of seeing clearly into the true nature of reality. This class is offered for **5 weeks** and will begin on **Wednesday, February 6th – March 6th (6:30 – 8:00 PM)**. You are welcome to join anytime during the 5-weeks. Classes will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Dr., Salt Lake City, Utah * *Located downstairs in the Terrace room*
This class is not associated with the weekly Thursday evening Sangha meetings. The last class will meet at another location as it will be Ash Wednesday.

Class Fee

In keeping with Buddhist intentions these teachings are offered on a dana or generosity basis. There is no set fee for these classes and students may offer dana in appreciation for learning the Buddha's teachings. Dana will be discussed during the course and is encouraged. If there is a fee it would be for renting space.

CROSSROADS URBAN CTR

Needs for February:

Food: Canned pasta, SpaghettiO's

THRIFT STORE ITEM: Gloves, Sleeping bags, Blankets

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

Join Volunteers of America, Utah for an evening celebrating 50 years of excellence in behavioral health services at Cornerstone Counseling Center. Speakers, beverages and hor d'oeuvres. Please RSVP by visiting voaut.org/cornerstone50

Location: The Falls Event Center, 580 S. 600 E.

FAMILY PROMISE

I hope everyone had a great Martin Luther King JR. Day and stayed safe in the snow! A special thanks to St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Newman Center for spending the day with the guests!

Last Wednesday, the families in our Aftercare program were able to enjoy watching the Salt Lake City Stars basketball game! During the year, community partner, Sharetix donates tickets for Family Promise Salt Lake's guests to attend events throughout the valley. It was a fun night for all!

On Deck: *You are invited and welcome to participate in this meaningful service. See contact info below.*

(January 27-February 3) @Wasatch Presbyterian (1626 South 1700 East)

Coordinators: Bretta (801) 695-7765 and Jason (801) 243-8120

(February 3-February 10) @ St. Marks Cathedral (231 East 100 South)

Coordinator: Tom (801)895-6053

(February 10-February 17) @Hilltop United Methodist Church (966 East Buddlea Drive)

Coordinator: Mike (801)775-0339

(February 17-February 24) @First United Methodist Church (203 South 200 East)

Coordinator: Levy (334)803-3269

As always, **THANK YOU** for all you do! We truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Alyssa York, Program Manager, Family Promise Salt Lake , [\(801\) 961-8622](tel:(801)961-8622) ext.3,
alyssa@familypromisesaltlake.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

The Women's Small Group meets the first and third Monday at 7:00 PM in various homes and studying The Gospel of John. All women are welcome.

Contact Alyce Gross: 801-557-9646

or adgross1@msn.com

ADULT STUDY

With Pastor Steve

All are welcome. We will explore and work through some of the difficult, but important issues in our day. We will use ELCA Social Statements, which are teaching documents.

February 3 – Church in Society. What is the Church's relation to society and its public presence and responsibilities.

February 10 – Caring for Creation What is the Biblical vision of God's intention for the healing and wholeness of creation. What are our responsibilities?

February 17 – Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture How can we be church and resist racism?

February 24 – Message on Immigration. Who is my neighbor?

SOUL COLLAGE—FUN!



IN OUR PRAYERS

Christ's healing presence with Marlyce Chytraus, Bonnie Judge, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Ron Finner, Terri Finner. For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Library Guild meets Tuesdays at 10:30 AM. Come and be a part of this Small Group.

The following books have been added to the children's section: *A Place For You, Little One*; *My Holy Communion Board Book* by Daniel Erlander; *Let the Children Come*, *A Baptism Manual for Parents & Sponsors*; *Jesus Enters Jerusalem* by Jane L. Fryar; *The Week that Led to Easter* by Joanne Larrison; *Easter Surprise* by Vicki Howie & Moira Maclean; *The Legend of the Easter Egg* by Lori Walburg.

The following books have been added to the adult section: *Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace* by Kent Nerburn; *One Thousand Gifts* by Ann Voskamp; *Building the Goodly Fellowship of Faith* by Frederick Quinn; *Reader's Digest The Story of Jesus* (donated by Verna Hanson). We will have a complete set of Luther's Works (55 volumes) thanks to the generous donation from Pastor John Sandstrom!

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!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings, Zion congregation!

The New Year, Church, and Sunday School are back in full swing!

We celebrated our Sunday School teachers over Epiphany with an Epiphany house blessing, along with an explanation of this practice, which is quite common in many countries. Thank you, teachers, for all you do for our children and their spiritual growth. (Teachers, if I've missed you somehow, please come and find me. I will give you your gift!).

Coming up this month, Joyful NOIZ will perform at the 10:30 worship on Sunday, February 3rd. Then, on February 10th, Pastor Steve will visit with the Sunday School classes.

Blessings,
Melissa Butson, Sunday School Superintendent

FIRST COMMUNION

Has your child 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 and Lisa Mensinger leads the session on Sunday, February 24, from noon until 1:30. A child-friendly meal will be served. Please contact Pr. Steve or the church office if you are planning to attend.

LET ME SHINE PRESCHOOL



It's important to Let Me Shine Christian Playschool and Preschool to provide the very best environment possible for the children! The LMS staff attends in-service training the last Wednesday of every month. Each year we also attend the Utah Early Childhood Conference and I attend the Annual ELEA Pastor and Administrators Conference. These classes provide valuable continuing education and help us to continue to grow and learn as educators.

Whether you are a parent or a congregation member, you are also an educator. Day in and day out, you're a nurturer, comforter, problem-solver, protector, limit-setter, and much more. In the safety of family, you're helping children learn: how to get along with others, how to love, how to deal with rules and limits, how to cooperate, compromise, and negotiate - all qualities that are essential for whatever relationships may be in our children's future.

I'm so grateful for the partnership we have in raising beautiful, strong children!

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Happy Valentine's Day!
In His Service,
Barb Ballif, Director

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Utah Conference Youth Gathering

Save the date for the UT Conference Youth Gathering (aka Souper Bowl of Caring).

March 15-16, 2019

All youth from 7th grade to 12th grade are invited for this Youth Lock-in with a day of service projects. We will explore our VOCATION and living into what God is calling us to be.

RSVP by March 10, 2019 to Lisa Mensinger. youth@zelc.org

Sunday School—MS & HS Group

Youth will be exploring the ELCA Social Statements for the month of February. We will look into Creation, Racism and Women Justice.

Bunco! UT Conference

Thanks to Pastor DanaLee for leading the first UT Conference Bunco. Thank you to everyone who attended: Pastor Terri and folks from Prince of Peace, Pastor Rick and folks from Ascension in Ogden, Pastor Steve Leiser from Shepherd of the Mountain, and Pastor Steve and folks from Zion.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUILTERS w/out BORDERS

We're looking forward to our next QWB meeting! It will be held at the First Baptist Church on the corner of 800 So and 1300 E. We will meet on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7:00 pm as usual. We appreciate Karen Carter and our First Baptist friends for hosting!

We hope to see you there!

Quilters Without Borders

With love and a prayer

PRAYER&ACTION NETWORK

Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City

Green Tip: Valentine's Day is a veritable boon for chocolate companies. Ensure that you're supporting the most responsible confectioners by buying ethical, organic, local, or shade-grown. And if you can, resist the convenience of that frilly heart-shaped box with all those individual paper wrappings tucked into a plastic mold. Instead, go for a less packaged (but just as romantic) option. You can find ethical, fair trade chocolates at local stores or online at equalexchange.coop

FAREWELL as OFFICE ADMIN

The past eleven years have flow by for me as I've served as the Office Administrator of this congregation. It's been an amazing experience to share in this ministry with Pastor Steve, Lisa Mensinger, Barb Ballif and Holly Graham; along with Susan Swidnicki, Dianne Krehbiel, Diane Gardner, and David Chamberlin! What a team we have been! Also, I'm grateful for the friendships I have with our lovely volunteers!

It's time for me to move on to other adventures and challenges and hopefully return to volunteering at my church! I pray you welcome and support the new office administrator in the same manner you did me. I take with me an abundance of blessings as a result of my tenure in this position.

With a grateful heart,

Tracy Hackworth

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

| | 10:30am Assisting Ministers | Ushers | Altar Guild | Greeters | Counters | Refreshments |
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| Feb 3 | Lisa Mensinger | Volunteers needed | Carrie Bruce & Lois | Volunteers needed | Diane Warren | Please volunteer |
| Feb 10 | Denny Gross | Volunteers needed | Steve /Marie Denny | Volunteers needed | Marci Andrew | Terri & Ron |
| Feb 17 | Marsha Gilford | Volunteers needed | Ann Marie Holly | Volunteers needed | Warren Erin | Erin & Michael |
| Feb 24 | Erin Basta | Volunteers needed | Marci Marsha | Volunteers needed | Paula Sandra | Please volunteer |
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ORGAN UPDATE

Swell box w/open side panel



Inside swell box w/first pipes in place



Trays of pipes of various species



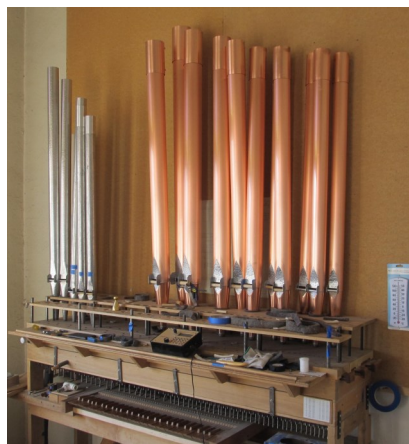
One of several toe boards, with holes for about 150 pipes



Shayne building 'racking' for bass pipes of Oboe rank



Bass pipes of Viola rank on the voicing bench



David 'cutting up' a Viola pipe



Close up of cut-up procedure

The last of three groups of new console controls is soon to be installed. Voicing of 400+ pipes is 95% complete. The swell box will be ready to install behind the existing organ case by the end of the month. David is always happy to answer any questions anyone may have.