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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

Sometimes we are compelled to share a story, even though we know we cannot fully capture the experience. No matter how you tell it, no matter how far back you pull your camera's wide-angled lens, you know that you will never be able to capture the experience in any re-created form. Still, you feel compelled to tell the story.

This story begins with you, people of Zion Lutheran, who embrace our mission to be a community "*connecting through grace*." It continues with Pamela Atkinson. She has recruited local clergy to grace her homeless friends with morning devotions. Early on a beautiful summer morning, it is my turn to lead, standing before our homeless friends while representing you in proclaiming grace.

Something is different about this morning. Usually six to a dozen plus people attend. But on this morning, 25 people fill our little room in the Weigand Homeless Resource Center. Should I mention that there is enough space for about ---- 25 people? Even before the room fills up, Reggie and Dar take seats directly in front of me. I promise that they are going to be sermon examples, because nobody in my congregation sits in the front row unless all the other pews are filled. "We wanted to be close," Dar says. "We need to hear the Word."

The Word is from Jesus: ".....but, you are my friends" (John 15:15b).

The message starts with this little word --"but." It is a word that cancels and negates everything that goes before it. We give more weight to what happens after you hear the word, 'but.'

Your world may feel overwhelming, *but* you are my friends.

You may be homeless, *but* you are my friend.

You may have failed, *but* you are my friend.

We are all a little bit taken aback, wondering how the Creator of the universe can come to us in Jesus, claiming us as friends.

It is time for prayer. "How may I pray for you? How can we pray for one another?"

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UPCOMING ZION EVENTS

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Thank you for your patience during the construction. You will love the changes.

Many of us already love the changes happening during our temporary worship location in the Terrace Room. The services are less formal and feel more relaxed and engaging.

We will have a safer building because of asbestos removal; installing protective windows and creating a safety buffer near the playground.

We will reduce our carbon footprint with new insulated walls and windows.

We will become better neighbors, no longer settling for peeling paint on exterior walls.

We will gain a new sense of satisfaction, knowing that we are faithful stewards, attending to our campus which is a place of grace for the community.

SUMMER CAMPING (July 13-15)

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM all summer through Sept. 2nd

OLIVIA ROSE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, Sept. 23 is the tentative date for the 17th Annual Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament.

The event at Stansbury Park Golf Course again will provide funds for the VBS Music Camp, supporting Zion's commitment to give children a tuition-free experience. Loyal involvement from Zion's members and friends has sustained the tournament since 2002 and we'll continue to stage it for as long as the interest level remains strong.

Look for sign-up opportunities in the coming months.

SOCIAL ACTION FORUM Sun, July 8th

Begins at 11:30 AM Focus: Helping Refugees in Utah; Jim McConkie, presenter. Jim is the co-founder of the Refugee Justice League of Utah. He will present on one of their mission points and how others can help. Very inspiring and engaging presentation. All are welcome.

GREATER ZION DAY!

SUNDAE ON SUNDAY!

Sunday, July 22nd, after the 10:00 AM worship, all are invited to celebrate the founding of ZELC, the first Lutheran church in Utah with an ice cream social!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise helps homeless

and low-income families achieve sustainable independence, by providing space and support in local churches. The Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 231 East 100 South, is the host site for Family Promise, July 15-20. St. Mark's requests our congregation's assistance. Zion is scheduled to provide Dinner Hosts and Evening Hosts on July 17. Dinner hosts provide the meal for 6:30 p.m.; evening hosts stay with the guests from dinner until 8:30 p.m. Volunteers are asked to sign up on the church bulletin board. Please contact Pastor Steve for more information.

ULSTER PROJECT

Ulster Project Utah will be

holding a **Car Wash** at Our Saviours Lutheran Church (2500 E 3900 S) on Saturday July 7th from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM. This Christian Peace Project which brings together Protestant and Catholic teens from the unrest of Northern Ireland for a month of programmed activities with their American counterparts has been going on in the Salt Lake Valley for the last 33 years. So if you are in the neighborhood come by and get your car sparkling clean and help support teens as they work together in learning mutual trust and tolerance of different cultures.

CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER

July 11th – Annual Meet the Candidates BBQ;
5:30 – 7:30 pm at Liberty Park, East Pavilion.

Month of July – Golden Celery Competition; Food pantry collection competition pits faith communities of all varieties against each other. All benefiting the food pantry during summer months when donations slow down. **ZELC will participate by collecting canned foods all month long. Please give generously!**

August 23rd – People's Summit on Poverty; This annual Poverty Summit will feature policy makers and other key Utah decision makers discussing pressing issues in poverty and housing. Join us and be part of the conversation working towards creating a more equitable and fair place for all people in Utah. This summit is free and open to the public. Snacks and light lunch will be provided. Visit www.crossroadsurbancenter.org

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Family Separation: What can I do? from Pr. Steve Klemz

As people of faith, we may not always agree on justice or the way for God's peace, but we should never fall silent in working to bring about justice and peace. Especially when, I believe, children are being separated from their families at the border.

Many of you have asked, "What can I do?" May I suggest:

- ◇ Pray (without ceasing), and remember, even when our sighs are too deep for words, the Holy Spirit intercedes.
- ◇ Take Advocacy Action — visit — <https://www.lirs.org/advocate>
- ◇ Listen to faith witnesses:

ELCA presiding bishop, faith leaders issue statement on family separation <http://elca.org/News-and-Events/7935>

Zero Tolerance & Children Separated From Their Families: Thursday's Access Utah <http://upr.org/post/zero-tolerance-children-separated-their-families-thursdays-access-utah> (interview with Pr. Steve Klemz)

Salt Lake Tribune: Mormon, Catholic and other Utah churches call for an end to 'insensitive,' 'immoral,' 'cruel' family separations at the border (includes statements from Pr. Steve Klemz)

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

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Madam Tony wants healing with her broken rib. Linda asks for mercy, that her criminal record not count against her application for section 8 housing. Kevin asks if it is okay to pray about "the attitude I have coming on." Several seek forgiveness. Kathy wants God's peace to fill the separation between her and family. Lance requests prayers of gratitude. Jim prays for the gift of acceptance, to live in humility and to walk in the knowledge and wisdom of the Lord. Arnie asks that we pray for the guy who stole his phone and meal card. And we are all silent. It is going to take a powerful prayer of grace to ask forgiveness for our enemies.

The service is ended. I receive several hugs. Jim kneels before me, asking for a blessing. Madam Tony offers me her last (already used) tissue. She had noticed a tear coming from my eye. As Justin, the security guard escorts me to the parking lot, he offers this observation: "That was really something different ---- the way we were all connected."

Yes. I could have opened my Bible and showed how we were inside 2 Corinthians 4:15: ".....grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God."

Connecting through grace, from 1070 Foothill Blvd. to 437 West on 200 South.

Pastor Steve Klemz

IN OUR PRAYERS

Christ's healing presence with Dianne Krehbiel, Rodney Schroeder, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Ron Finner, Stephen Anderson, Terri Finner, Jennie Johnson, Kathy Foulks, Nelly Klooster, John Modde, Dennis Bird. For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry.

WOMEN and JUSTICE

The ELCA Task Force on Women and Justice has released the Draft of the Social Statement. The comment period on the Draft is open until September 30, 2018. All are welcome to study and discuss this statement at the Adult Bible Study on September 9 and 23. Pastor Steve will compile comments from our discussion, which will be forwarded to the ELCA. The statement is available at this link:

<https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft>

LIBRARY CORNER

The Library Guild will not be meeting in July.

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!

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ORGAN UPDATE

Bigelow Organ Builders has completed Phase 1 and are now well into Phase 2 of our “Organ Expansion.” We’re excited to report that we have reached the halfway point of Phase 2.

Here is a summary of Phase 2 progress to date:

1. Four ranks of pipes have been acquired and are in Bigelow’s shop:
 - 1) Oboe 8’ 61 pipes
 - 2) Querflöte 4’ 61 pipes
 - 3) Lieblich Gedeckt 16’ 73 pipes
 - 4) Gemshorn celeste 8’ 49 pipes
2. The new Swell chest is designed, initial payment of \$10K submitted, and chest is in process at Organ Supply Industries, Erie, PA.
3. Swell box (enclosure) design is underway.

David and the Bigelow Organ Company are working on coordinating the work they need to do this summer with the contractor working on the larger building renovation so they’ll be able to work during some dust-free times.

Stay tuned for an announcement about when David’s presentation about what’s new will be scheduled. We are more than halfway through the project and have received donations for half of the contracted amount. Continued thanks to those of you who have supported and are supporting funding the organ improvements.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Just as Flat Stanley has helped children with literacy and geography, **Flat Jesus** helps children stay plugged into their faith throughout the summer months – giving families a unique opportunity to continually engage in their faith development all summer long!

Remember to take ‘Flat Jesus’ along on vacation, to the pool, and all the other summer activities you have planned. When we gather again in the fall, we can all place a marker on a map showing the places Flat Jesus has traveled.

LET ME SHINE PRESCHOOL

Let Me Shine ended the 2017-2018 school year

on a great note. Thanks to parents, Zion members, and friends of the school, we raised over \$8500.00 for our enhanced outdoor classroom. After construction this summer, we will move forward with ordering and installing the new outdoor learning centers. Thanks to all who contributed!

The staff is working over the summer to get ready for the next school year. Our summer informational packets will be mailed out the first week of July, so if you have kiddos in Let Me Shine, be on the lookout for this! For next school year, we have an enrollment of 111 students, with a waiting list of over 60 children. We are still taking applications for the waiting list, so if anyone you know is interested in Let Me Shine, please refer them to us!

We are looking for substitutes for the 18-19 school year, so if you are interested in spending three hours with the Let Me Shine kids as either a substitute teacher or aide, please see Barb or Holly in the school office! Have a wonderful summer!

God’s Blessings, Let Me Shine Staff

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

VBS MUSIC CAMP

August 6-10

VBS is always fun at Zion. Please consider being a Jr. Counselor or helping out during this fun filled week. We will explore how wonderful Psalms can be. Planning meeting dates will be coming soon.



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, Bob, Steve H. Carla & Lisa.



SUMMER PLANS

We will be having a few events this July for youth. Please let Lisa know what type of activities you are interested in :

- ☐ Painting with a Twist
- ☐ Tubing
- ☐ Indoor Rock Climbing
- ☐ Overnight Hiking
- ☐ Ax Throwing Competition
- ☐ Pickle Ball Tournament
- ☐ Pool Party
- ☐ Miniature Golf
- ☐ Movies on Tuesdays (July 10,17, 24, 31) ☐ Other _____

Text or Email Lisa by **July 3rd** with your top 2 choices.

CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

| | 10:00am Assisting Ministers | Ushers | Altar Guild | Greeters | Counters | Refreshments |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| July 1 | Marsha Gilford | volunteers needed! | Marci + Stewart | Please volun- teer | Diane + Jan | Erin Basta |
| July 8 | Erin Basta | volunteers needed! | Jan + Marsha | Please volun- teer | Angie + Paula | Westman + Ayers |
| July 15 | Volunteer needed | volunteers needed! | Newton + Holly | Please volun- teer | Paul + Erin | Volunteer |
| July 22 | Volunteer needed | volunteers needed! | Ann Marie + Stewart | Please volun- teer | Ron + Paul | Ice cream social |
| July 29 | Denny Gross | volunteers needed! | Marci + Denny | Please volun- teer | Andrew + Paula | Volunteer |

JULY 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|----------|
| 1 10:00 AM Worship Rev. Monica Dobbins, First Unitarian Church of SLC, guest preacher & presiding minister | 2 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group Pastor Steve vacation week | 3 | 4 OFFICE CLOSED | 5 6:30-8:30 PM Meditation Group | 6 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group | 7 |
| 8 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Action Forum; Helping Refugees in Utah | 9 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group | 10 7 PM Compassionate Friends Mtg | 11 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group 9 AM Staff Meeting | 12 Church office closed 6:15 Cong. Council Mtg 6:30-8:30 PM Meditation Group | 13 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group Church offices closed Zion Camping Weekend | 14 |
| 15 10:00 AM Worship Lisa Mensinger, guest preacher & presiding minister | 16 Church office closed 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group | 17 Family Promise @ St. Marks Cathedral dinner hosts and evening hosts | 18 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group 9 AM Staff Meeting | 19 6:00 PM LMS Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM Meditation Group | 20 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group VBS Music Camp registration deadline | 21 |
| 22 10:00 AM Worship GREATER ZION DAY Ice Cream Social after worship | 23 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group Office Admin vacation week | 24 Church Offices Closed - Pioneer Day | 25 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group | 26 6:30-8:30 PM Meditation Group | 27 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group | 28 |
| 29 10:00 AM Worship, Bread Sunday | 30 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group VBS Music Camp final registration deadline | 31 3 PM Book Club | | | | |