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A Word from the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Thank you! You are people of grace, grace-filled and gracious, a community of that lives in gratitude and generosity. Vicar Lisa began last Sunday's sermon with a smile and a sigh before proclaiming, "I am so thankful to be here with you." Indeed, thank you and I give thanks to God for you.

We are people of grace who describe our mission as "connecting through grace." But, what does grace look like? Our congregation's council has a response for that. It comes through this fall's theme for our annual stewardship appeal.

This is what grace looks like.
Connecting music with mission.
Connecting building and grounds with faithful stewardship.
Connecting partners with ministry.

Watch for this fall's invitation to join in a home or church gathering. We will see how your financial gifts make a difference through the graces of outreach, care for our environment, and our partners in mission.

Again, thank you for your prayerful support and participation in connecting through grace, in the name of Jesus, who is grace upon grace.

Pastor Steve Klemz
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In our prayers

*God's grace with Linde Wrathall;
Christ's healing with Susan Swidnicki,
Michael Chard, Bonnie Judge.*

Farewell and Godspeed, Marsha Gilford

Long time member, supporter, and friend Marsha Gilford and her husband are moving onto the next phase of their life and are moving to Arizona. We wish to thank her for all her service to Zion, the best of luck in future endeavors, and the trust and knowledge that she will always have a loving home at Zion. Farewell and Godspeed, Marsha!

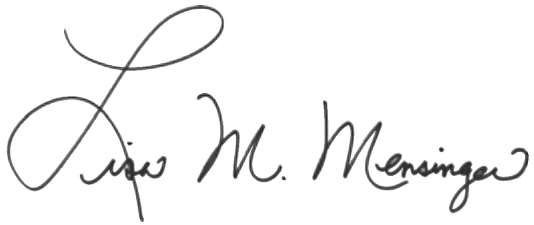
A Vicar's Voice

Transforming Thursdays

I started taking the FrontRunner from Draper to Ogden on Thursdays for various reasons but mainly to play a small part in improving the air quality. The views along the ride are quite interesting. The best part of the trip is that I am not the driver and I can get so much work done in the 1.5 hour one-way trip.

At the end of the day I've turned my 18-minute walk from the church to the station into a prayer walk. Interestingly, one Thursday people who use the basement on a regular basis shared their thoughts about prayer and God. Some see a "chasm between God and themselves." My mind strayed to thinking of Lazarus and the rich man in Luke 16:19-31, and the gate between the rich man and Lazarus, and then the chasm in Hades between the two. What separates us from a relationship with God? Is it what we call God?

My mind drifted back to what others shared at the meeting, and how they overcame this chasm by giving God a different name, like Frank, so that God seemed more approachable, less intimidating, or less vengeful. I would love to hear your thoughts about God and prayer. Some of the new ways that I've heard people call God are a "Creative Intelligence" or a "Spirit of the Universe" or simply "Love". Who do you address your prayers to? What names do you give the Divine?



It's hard to believe we've already completed one month of school! We had a great time at the ice cream social. It was so fun to visit with everyone who attended and the Howdy Homemade ice cream was a hit too. We have a remarkable Board and staff and amazing Let Me Shine students and families! We are off to a great start and it's been wonderful to hear the excitement in the children's voices as they tell about their school day and what they've learned. It is an honor to serve as director of Let Me Shine!

We have some fun events planned this month! We look forward to our Harvest parties and the children also get to participate in our Annual Pumpkin Hunt. On this day the children hear the Pumpkin Gospel...just as the messy insides of a pumpkin are scooped out and a light shines inside a jack-o-lantern, so are our messes/sins cleaned up and forgiven and God's light shines in us!

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

In His service,-

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Barbara Ballif, Director



Youth News

RMS Youth Gathering

Calling all youth 6th-12th graders, if you are interested in attending the Rocky Mountain Youth Gathering, please let Lisa know by October 15, 2019.



RMS Middle and High School Youth Gathering!

January 18-20, 2020

YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, Colorado

Cost: \$180 per person

Registration opens Sept 1

Come join with other youth as we explore what it means to be transformed by the amazing love of God and to take that transformative love home into everyday life!

Dear Church — A Group Discussion

Pastor Steve is facilitating a group discussion on the new book by ELCA Pastor Lenny Duncan, *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* Please email pastor@zelc.org to join the conversation.

Here is one summary.

Lenny Duncan is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the United States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work—drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. The problems the ELCA faces are theological, not sociological. But so are the answers.

Zion Oktoberfest - Sign up in the Narthex!

It's Zion Oktoberfest time! Bring your friends, bring your family to the Zion Rathskeller (Terrace Room) on Saturday, October 12 at 4:30 pm. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or email Jon so we know how much food to purchase. Bring a pot-luck dish or dessert to share, and a donation of \$9 per adult, \$4 per child ages 4-12; kinder unter 4 jahren sind frei! Brats and hot dogs will be provided, and Jon Hall will be bringing a variety of tasty beverages. This event is in part funded by Thrivent. Proceeds from this event will be generously donated to the organ fund.

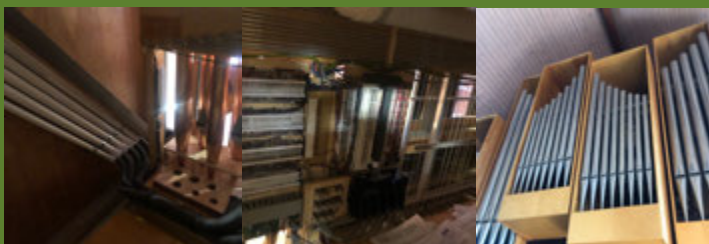
Quilters without Borders

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Ambrose church located at 2315 E. Redondo Ave. We look forward to seeing you there.

On a sad note, Jackie Nielsen, from the First Baptist Church, passed away on September 18th. Jackie's health kept her from attending our meetings for the last several years but she was always willing to help when we met at First Baptist. I will miss her warm smile and loving heart. We extend condolences to her family and friends.

Quilters Without Borders | With love and a prayer

Phase Two (of five) of the organ project is now complete with the addition of six ranks (sets) of pipes in a new "swell box" – a shuttered enclosure allowing volume control. At about 12 pm on Sunday, October 6th, (after worship and some time for fellowship in the atrium), David Chamberlin will demonstrate how each of the new sounds expands the sonic possibilities of the organ. Plan on about 20 minutes to hear the whole Spiel – longer for anyone serious-curious!



Organ
Update

Still Collecting! Bright Minds Daycare — Sunday School Offerings

Pastor Steve writes: *"I recently visited Bright Minds Daycare Center and saw the world. The center primarily serves refugee families, about 80% who come from Somalia. But the Director, Haji Mawie, says there are about six other languages spoken at the center. Most of the African families are large and almost all of them are in need. "Please, we will receive any gift you can offer," said Haji, "and all of the donations help the families of the children." This year's Sunday School offerings will go to Bright Minds, in West Valley. And, there is more that we can offer and receive. Haji has invited us to the center, to interact with the children, and to develop relationships with the families. Please pray for our new mission partners and look for announcements/invitations about the ways we can visit the children. Until then, please bring your donations to church."*

Items welcomed include pencils, crayons, folders, lunchboxes, backpacks, and more.

Worship Volunteers

Altar Guild

October 6 | Ann Marie Mogren + Lois & Bruce Stewart
October 13 | Marci Hall + Holly Graham
October 20 | Jan Heins + Denny Gross
October 27 | Holly Graham + Lois & Bruce Stewart

Counters

October 6 | Jane Erdahl + Paul Mogren
October 13 | Erin Basta + Fred Strohacker
October 20 | Jan Heins + Janice Ruggles
October 27 | Fred Strohacker + Bob Hackworth

Assisting Ministers

October 6 | Erin Basta
October 13 | Ellen Liu
October 20 | Volunteer Needed
October 27 | Erin Basta

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.

Diaper Drive

Beginning September 24, the Coalition of Religious Communities is partnering with Zion and other faith communities to hold a Diaper Drive to help collect diapers to assist those facing homelessness in the State of Utah. Please drop off any unused, sealed diapers at the dropbox in the Narthex or outside the south entrance. These will all go to children and families in desperate need. Children outgrow the smaller diaper sizes very quickly and so there is the biggest need for diapers that are sizes 5 and 6.

Swords to Ploughshares - October 5

RAWTools is a father and son team from Colorado who travel the United States with a forge and anvil, turning weapons into hand tools. They will be visiting All Saints Episcopal Church on October 5. Please join them as the duo talks about their mission and their experiences. This event will be a springboard for statewide discussions about reducing gun violence in Utah. Everyone is invited – bring the family to see how authentic blacksmithing can turn a weapon of war into an instrument of peace.

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