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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

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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.

Taken from the 2018 Stewardship Report handed out on Oct 28th and available now online:

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Thank you! You are a gracious and grace-filled community. This stewardship report flows from your generosity, creating new ministries and ways for us to be a people connecting through grace.

Thanks be to God for the gift of this community. It is our most precious gift, overflowing from God's heart, shaping and calling us to be a community of grace. How do we see the Spirit connecting us through grace?

Look deep into the cup where love is poured, "for you." Feel joy celebrated and, when one is in sorrow, we all taste salt. See our fun and fellowship; sacrifice and service; conversations and consolations. Let the music and worship wash over you. In all these connections there is grace, connecting us with the very life of God.

Because of your financial gifts, we have explored new ways to be people of grace. More than prayers for the care of creation, we have made the commitment to reduce our carbon footprint through building renovation. We are connecting more and more children with God's grace through our VBS outreach and choir days. We are a community of compassion, connecting with refugees at the border, where Cristo Rey Lutheran receives our gifts as Milagro de la Frontera (Miracle at the Border).

What if a stranger should drop in and ask about "this community of grace, this connecting through grace, — what does it look like?" We can sweep our hand over every aspect of our life together and truly say, "It looks like this."

To download the entire Stewardship Report, click the link below.
<http://www.zelc.org/council-minutes--reports>

Pastor Steve Klemz

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 will meet at 9:15-10:15 in the room across from the sanctuary.

ACTION FORUM

November 11th @ Noon. Haji Mawie will speak to us about the daycare centers he's running for free in Salt Lake City for working Refugee parents.

WINE & CHEESE EVENT

Zion's Wine and Cheese gathering will take place on **Saturday December 1**, beginning at 7:00 PM. Bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer to share! Guests are welcome. Location is the Three Fountains of Cottonwoods Club House in Murray. For navigation using google maps, etc. enter address of 5044 S. Three Fountains Circle.

BISHOP GONIA VISITING ZELC!

The Rev. Jim Gonia, Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA, will preach at Zion on Sunday, November 11. Pr. Jim is an engaging preacher. As Bishop, he brings a large gospel proclamation, sharing the breadth and depth of mission within the synod and the ELCA. Prior to his election as bishop, he served the ELCA's church wide ministries as Global Mission Area Program Director for west Africa, Tanzania and Madagascar.

Bishop Gonia received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., in 1982; a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in 1988; and a Master of Theology degree in Islamic studies at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., in 1997.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Last year we stood before you asking to commit to three initiatives. These initiatives allowed us to connect through grace by supporting children in attending a fully funded music camp. Connect through grace by upgrading our communication and accounting systems. And connect through grace by remodeling our building to not only create a more inviting facility, but to reduce our carbon footprint in the process.

As we look forward to continuing to fulfill these initiatives, we are aware that the initiatives are continual and your commitment to the initiative is also continual. We are in the season of preparing for commitment Sunday where you will once again be asked to prayerfully consider your personal commitment to these initiatives and other ways Zion continues to connect through grace.

Our annual congregational meeting will be held after the 10:30 am service on November 18th. We will be presenting our vision for 2019. On December 2nd, we ask that you prepare and turn in your statement of intent to formally declare your commitment of time, talent and financial gifts for 2019.

Thank you for your participation during this exciting season!

Doug Graham, President

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CONNECTING THROUGH GRACE

By Kathie Supiano

Taken from the Caring Connections newsletter

In the past several issues, I have discussed the pace of grief (let it proceed at your pace) and the healthy process of grief (helped by caring others and good self-care practices). While there is no end to grief, and be assured, while it softens, grief never truly ends; there is an important milestone in grief—and that milestone is gratitude. Long before griever's surrender the understandable anger of a car accident or a horrible illness, long before they forgive themselves for words spoken in frustration or haste, the quiet moments of appreciation for the person they are grieving may come bubbling to the surface. Gratitude for the life lived is a remarkable gift of grief. It is exceedingly rare for a griever to tell me—"it would have been better if I had never loved her, had this child, cared so deeply---I would rather not have had them than experience this pain." The pain of grief is devastating and deep—but it is not the same pain as never having loved. Grief is the price we pay for love. But love is fully realized in gratitude, the thankfulness that appreciates what one has—whether deserved or not. Gratitude is what finally "fixes" the deceased in our memory as the recipient of enduring, permanent love. Grief scholars have referred to this as a "continuing bond" with the person who dies. So, just as grief never ends—neither does the loving, yet realistic memory of those we have lost when held in a grateful heart.

We are here to support you in your grief and extend our warm invitation for you to participate in our grief support groups and Grief and the Holidays on November 12. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @UofUCaringCon

Warm regards,
Kathie Supiano, PhD, LCSW
Director



*"Grief and the Holidays", Monday, November 12th at 7:00 PM
University of Utah College of Nursing, Annette Poulson Cumming Building, 10 South 2000 East, 2nd Floor Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Music provided by Peter Breinholt, nationally renowned guitarist; Speaker Carrie Pike, creator of Carrie Bears and author of "Something to Hold on To: A collection of stories from Grief to Hope". To learn more, contact Caring Connections at 801.585.9522.*

CROSSROADS URBAN CTR

Needs for November:

Food: Chili, Canned pasta

THRIFT STORE ITEM: Blankets, sleeping bags, and heavy coats

FAMILY PROMISE

Special thanks to Pastor Steve, Janel Trapp, Erin Basta & Kelvin Johnson for helping to prepare & serve the dinner for Family Promise families on October 9th at Christ United Methodist Church!

More dates to serve may be upcoming. Contact the church office if you are willing to help.

office@zelc.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:

November 4: Hannah Osborn, who served as an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) in Jerusalem/ West Bank, be our guest for the Sunday forum with adults and high school students. Hannah writes of her experience: *"As a person of color, I see great value for the ELCA extending its programs to young adults of color to practice inclusivity and upholding its mission of accompaniment."* All are welcome!

November 11: Bishop Jim Gonia leads an interactive presentation on "Claiming our Gifts." How do we share and celebrate our gifts? Bishop Gonia has received great reviews from congregations who have participated in this event. All are welcome.

November 18 and 25: *Koinonia* --- What scripture says about "fellowship." Pastor Steve leads the study.

No prior knowledge of scripture is needed. All are welcome!

NEWCOMER GATHERING

Thank you for worshipping in Zion. Thank you for your participation and your interest in this community of faith. If you are curious about our life together in Zion; or, if you are interested in membership in this community, please join Pastor Steve on Sunday, November 11, following 10:30 worship. We will meet in the lounge (across from the sanctuary). All are welcome!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Christ's healing presence with Marlyce Chytraus, Bonnie Judge, Michael Chard, Rodney Schroeder, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Ron Finner, Terri Finner, Jennie Johnson, Leo Seegert, Berkley Foulks, Christy Hillock during hospitalization. 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: "Little Visits with God" by Allan Hart Jahsmann & Martin P Simon; "A Hat for Ivan" by Max Lucado; "You Are Special" by Max Lucado; "Tried and True Job" by Tim Shoemaker; "Heaven is for Real for little ones" by Todd & Sonja Burpo; "Egermeier's Bible Story Book" by Elsie E. Egermeier.

The following books have been added to the adult section: "The Message//Remix Bible" by Eugene Peterson; "Just As I Am" the autobiography of Billy Graham by Billy Graham; "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ" by James S. Stewart; "Reading The Bible Again for the First Time" by Marcus J. Borg.

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

A big thanks to all of our Sunday School parents for letting us have your kids each Sunday, and thank you to our wonderful Sunday School teachers for taking such good care of our kids! A quick reminder that the Sunday School donations this year are going to ELCA World Hunger. Students can bring in their donations (big or small) to class each week, and we'll tally them up at the end of the year and send the money off to do good in the world.

Another thank you goes to Tanya Foster (and family, of course), for organizing the pumpkin carving party this year. This is not technically a Sunday School event, but we sure did notice a lot of Sunday School people there! The giant square table was a big hit for the families, who really appreciated the opportunity to share the fun with more people all around them! The food was delicious, the games and crafts were enjoyed by all, and we all had a good time carving away at our masterpieces.

A reminder for Sunday School families:

All children from K-8th and Joyful NOIZ will be performing during the 10:30 worship on November 11, 2018 in honor of the visit from Bishop Gonia. Please plan on attending your regular rehearsal (during SS time) and then staying for second worship.

Melissa Butson, Sunday School Superintendent

See the bulletin board outside the church office for all the event photos.



LET ME SHINE PRESCHOOL

As Thanksgiving nears, I'm reminded of how blessed I am and what I have to be thankful for. I'm thankful to serve as your director and I'm especially thankful for each of you – the members of Zion! Thank you for supporting the staff, children and families of Let Me Shine and for the opportunity to educate, nurture and care for the children in our community.

Please join the staff, children and families of Let Me Shine in singing praises of Thanksgiving during our annual *Thanksgiving Chapel Service* and *Potluck Feast*. The service is Tuesday, November 20 at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend Chapel and invited to the potluck meal following the service. Please watch for a potluck sign-up sheet outside the classroom doors. See you there!

"Come; let us sing to the Lord! Let us give a joyous shout to the rock of our salvation! Let us come before him with Thanksgiving. Let us sing him psalms of praise."

Psalms 95:1-2 NLT



In His Service,
Barb Ballif,
Director

The LMS Board of Trustees decided to continue the building improvements of the summer by having new concrete playground poured as well as laying new sod! Thank you for partnering with ZELC on our initiatives!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

WHO ME? RMS Youth Gathering (6-12th grade)

January 19-21, 2019
YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park, CO

This year's Gathering will focus on each participant as a uniquely created child of God called to live out baptismal promises in unique and various ways. We will look at themes of spiritual gifts, vocation, community, and service as we gather and are then sent to boldly share the love of God in this world. While all students will gather for some large group worship time, separate tracks for Middle and High School students will allow each group to participate in age appropriate conversation and activity based learning.

Gathering Scriptures: Psalm 139:13-14 * Ephesians 4:1-2 * Romans 12:1-7 * Matthew 22:36-40

Cost: \$200 per person (Parent contributes \$100 and Zion contributes \$100)

Saturday, January 19th Leave church at 7 am and arrive at Estes Park by 5 pm
Monday, January 21st Leave Estes Park at 11 am and arrive at church by 8 pm

Registration Form

DUE: November 18, 2018

Name:		Grade:		T-Shirt Size:	
Address:					
Parent Names:		Email:			
Emergency Contact:		Emergency Phone:			
Home Phone:		Youth Cell #:			
Parent Signature:					

\$100 Deposit due by November 18, 2018

Please email form to Lisa at youth@zelc.org or drop it in Youth Director mailbox at church.

Faith Formation Disciples please make a strong effort to plan to attend this event.

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VETERANS DAY PRAYER

We commend to God's gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces who serve this country at home or abroad. Defend them with your grace and grant them a sense of your abiding presence.

We remember our veterans, who have given of themselves, the sacrifice of limb and life, health and family. Be with all veterans in any distress in body or spirit. We pray for those in veterans' hospitals; those who struggle from post-traumatic stress and for all who yearn for peace in their souls.

As we remember all who know the cost of peace and the tragedy of war, let us commend ourselves to the work of a world with peace and justice.

In and through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CONNECTING THROUGH GRACE: Financial Stewardship towards our Mission & Ministries

In preparation of our Annual Congregational Meeting on November 18th, the Proposed Budget for 2019 will be available for review on Sunday, November 4th in the Narthex.

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Leslie Miller,
Church Council Treasurer

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	10:30am Assisting Ministers	Ushers	Altar Guild	Greeters	Counters	Refreshments
Nov 4	Eric Hinderaker	Alan, Bob, Warren, Art	Marci Bruce/Lois	Volunteers needed	Fred Ron	Erin & Michael
Nov 11		Alan, Bob, Warren, Art	Carrie Denny	Volunteers needed	Janice Jan	Please Volunteer
Nov 18		Alan, Bob, Warren, Art	Steve /Marie Melissa	Volunteers needed	Ron Warren	Annual Meeting
Nov 25		Alan, Bob, Warren, Art	Ann Marie Marsha	Volunteers needed	Janice Paula	Please volunteer

ORGAN UPDATE

Our organist and organ builder David Chamberlin spent some time recently removing the original stop rail and reinstalling the new one. The photos showing some of the work accomplished on the organ highlight the big difference between the old and new stop rails in capacity.



Old stop rail



New stop rail



David and Robert strategizing



David's colleague Robert Munson wiring the new junction panel installed in the back of the console

It was a big relief to find everything working again after this rather major "surgery"!

Coming up soon is a project to do some building behind the organ, as its capacity continues to be enlarged. If you have carpentry talents and would like to help out with this project, stop and chat with David.

As always, a heartfelt thanks to those of you who have given donations to support this project. If you have not yet donated, please consider doing so; mark your donation for the Organ Renovation. Thank you!

Visit the church website for the October calendar: <http://www.zelc.org/newsandevents.html>