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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.

BLUE

The color for hope.

The liturgical color for the Advent season, heralding our Advent prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus."

Overheard from Let Me Shine Preschool children, "My school is in the blue church."

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church – the place of hope, the gathering place with Jesus.

BLUE NO MORE

The blue walls are gone, replaced.

Alas, they could not contain our hope, to be wise stewards of our carbon footprint.

CROSS SHAPED

The blue walls are gone, but they are now transformed, redeemed.

Cut into pieces, they are etched with the sign of the cross.

Jesus said of the cross, "I, when I am lifted up, will draw all to me."

Paul said of the cross, "it has broken down the dividing wall of hostility."

Behold, the cross shaped wall has become a gospel bridge.

MILAGRO DE LA FRONTERA --- Miracle at the Border

With your donations, these crosses created a miracle.

True to their blue character, they are a miracle of hope for Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, El Paso.

Pastor Rose Mary reports: "We received 22 asylum seekers today. They came tired, hungry and seemed lost. They ate, registered, received new clothing, showered, ate dinner and began to relax. As always, we welcomed them we offered God's hope and love to his children. Thank you for being mission partners with your support for Immigration and Refugee Ministry."

HOSPITALITY REPLACES HOSTILITY

The bridge of hospitality replaces the wall of hostility.

Thank you for opening the borders of your hearts.

Thank you for your generosity! To date, \$3,318 has been raised for Cristo Rey.

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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.

SOCIAL ACTION FORUM

Sunday, October 21st

Begins at Noon; All are welcome. League of Women Voters will present.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND PETS

All are welcome to bring their pets (including stuffed animals) for the blessing of the animals on Thursday, October 4, 6:00-7:00 p.m. The custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Bring your pet to the south lawn entrance at Zion, where Pastor Steve will offer a prayer of blessing to each of our animal companions who are connecting us with God's grace.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR....

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Thank you for your prayers and support for Juan de Dios Lopez.

Thank you, Bob Hackworth, Jimmy Krzysik and Christian Hackworth, for your labor of love, crafting the crosses.

Caminante, no hay puentes se hace puentes al andar. (Voyager, there are no bridges, one builds them as one walks.) --- Gloria E. Anzaldúa

With Christ, *Pastor Steve*

OKTOBERFEST



Saturday, October 13th, 4:30 pm in the Zion "Ratskeller" (aka the Terrace Room)

Brats, Beer, Soda, and Hot Dogs will be provided \$9 for Adults / \$3 Kids under 14 / Kids under 6 are free

*** Bring a pot-luck dish to share! ***

Contact Jon Hall at 801-953-6344 or jhjh87@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.

See or email Jon Hall to volunteer for this event; more details coming soon. jhjh87@gmail.com

PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY

We hope that you will join us for the annual Zion Pumpkin Carving Party on Sunday, October 28 following the 10:30 service.

Please bring a pot of soup or chili to share, pumpkins to carve or decorate, and carving tools. A sign up sheet will be located on the bulletin board in the narthex.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Monday, October 15th at 7:00 PM at ZELC

Economic Update Workshop—It seems that some financial topic is in the headlines every day. Should those headlines influence your decisions around your financial strategy? Find out how to use this information to make wise decisions about your money.

Call Travis Breitling 801-878-4594 by Oct 12th to reserve your place. Refreshments will be served.

“A SHOW OF TALENT”

All Saints Episcopal Church will hold a **craft fair** on Saturday, October 13th, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 1710 S. Foothill Drive.

Quilts, stained glass, holiday gifts, baby gear; just some of the items that will be for sale.

One free entry into a drawing for each adult joining us. Prizes include items donated by members and attendees. All are welcome.

FAMILY PROMISE

HOSTING

Christ United Methodist Church asks Zion to host a dinner for Family Promise on October 9 and 10th. Family Promise is a ministry which hosts families who are in transition from homelessness to homes. Please contact Pastor Steve pastor@zelc.org or 801 582 2321 if you are available or need more information.

ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART BREAKFAST

Family Promise is holding its Annual Abundance Breakfast Thursday October 11th, 7:30AM-9:00AM at the Marriott City Center Downtown, 220 S. State St. Salt Lake City, UT. To register, text ABUNDANCE to 41444, visit the events page at familypromisesaltlake.org/events or contact us directly at 801-961-8622 or frontdesk@familypromisesaltlake.org.

CROSSROADS URBAN CTR

Needs for October:

FOOD: Canned meals (ex.: ravioli, Spaghetti-O's, etc.)

THRIFT STORE ITEM: Blankets

ENDING CHILD HOMELESSNESS SABBATH—October, 2018 Offering prayers and collecting diapers for homeless children. October is a major cause of homelessness, and October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, so we are asking congregations to donate diapers they collect to an organization that provides services to families fleeing domestic violence. For more information, contact Bill Tibbits, bill@crossroadsurbancenter.org or 801-364-7765 ext. 107.

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

What is the church's role and involvement in the political and public sphere?

As individuals and as a faith community, we live in the thick of life with concerns and complexities that shape our lives and communities.

What is our response?

All are welcome to join Pastor Steve's October Bible Study: "The Church and Social Justice."

NURSERY ATTENDANT

STILL OPEN:

This position requires a background check. Hours are every Sunday from 9:15 AM to 11:45 AM; \$40.00 per week. Know a college student looking for a little work? Have them contact the church office: office@zelc.org or 801.582.2321 if interested.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Some of our Sunday School parents will be making and serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House, 935 E. South Temple, on Thursday, October 25th from 4-8 pm.

People who are interested do not have to be there the whole time, so even 1 or 2 hours helps!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Christ's healing presence with Bonnie Judge, Michael Chard, Rodney Schroeder, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Ron Finner, Terri Finner, Jennie Johnson, Nelly Klooster, John Modde, Leo Seegert, Berkley Foulks.

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.

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Fall! Sunday School is off to a great start for the school year! Thank you to all the parents and teachers who have stepped up to help out! A big thank you to Melissa Butson who volunteered to be the Sunday School Superintendent this year. Thanks so much Melissa!

Here are some dates to mark on your calendars for October:

Thursday October 4th- Blessing of the Animals. Between 6 PM and 7PM, bring all animals to Zion's south lawn for a blessing from Pastor Steve!

Sunday October 7th- No choirs or Joyful NOIZ- teachers, please plan accordingly

Sunday October 21st- Youth choir performing at 10:30 Worship

Sunday October 28th- Reformation Sunday- Pastor Steve will be visiting Sunday School classrooms

- Pumpkin Carving at Noon; Please bring a pot of soup or chili to share, pumpkins to carve or decorate, and carving tools.

Please remember that all Sunday School offerings this year go to ELCA World Hunger!



LET ME SHINE PRESCHOOL

It's hard to believe we've already completed one month of school.

We have a remarkable Board, staff and amazing Let Me Shine students and fami-

lies! 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 puppet shows, harvest parties and 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

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Let Me Shine Pre-school. Come in to the Chipotle at **1011 East 2100 South** in Salt Lake City on **Tuesday, October 16th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Let Me Shine Pre-school.

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

FAITH FORMATION DISCIPLES

All those who are in 7 - 8th grade will be part of the Faith Formation Disciples (aka Confirmation). We will be holding a parent/youth meeting to talk about the ways in which we will walk with you along your affirmation of baptism. Please look for more details to come in the weekly bulletins.

If you have questions, please email Lisa at youth@zelc.org.

HS SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

HS students have been revisiting the speakers from the ELCA Youth Gathering this past Summer in Houston. Thank you to Bob Wenzel and Chandler Bursey for sharing their time with the HS youth.

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

6th-8th graders have been learning about how the Bible came to be and why certain books didn't make it into the Bible. Thanks to Brian Mensinger along with Lisa we have had some profound conversations with Thor Yount, Berkley Fouks, Gambit Sok, and Angus Hickman. Part of their Sunday School hour is spent with Ms Susan.

SUMMER PLANS

Ideas that we have been tossing around in the HS group have been: Trip to North Carolina or South Carolina to help with Hurricane Relief, or to Michigan. We will be fleshing out the ideas as we do more research.

SELF-COMPASSION RETREAT

For Girls in grades 9-12
October 5-7, 2018 (6 p.m. on Friday through 1 p.m. on Sunday)
@
RITA (Retreat In The Aspens)
near Causey Reservoir above the Huntsville Valley
led by Pastor DanaLee Simon

Come worship, build community, play in the mountains, express yourself through art and laughter, sit around the campfire, and learn about the gift of loving yourself and practices of self-compassion.

Cost is \$100 for the weekend and includes lodging, food, and transportation. Scholarships are available. Please speak to Pastor DanaLee to request one.

This retreat is limited to 12 participants.

Please contact DanaLee at 262/705-5811 or D_LO777@hotmail.com to express interest, ask questions, receive more information, and reserve your spot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE

Earthquake and tsunami devastate Sulawesi, Indonesia

On September 28 a 7.5 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami hit parts of the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. Our prayers are with the people of Sulawesi during this time of mourning, rescue and recovery.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response are at work in Indonesia and around the world as people rebuild their lives and livelihoods following a disaster.

Check back to learn more about the ELCA's response and ways you can help at ELCA.org/disaster.

Ending Child Homelessness Sabbath • October, 2018

Offering prayers and collecting diapers for homeless children

Join faith communities across Utah in praying and/or collecting diapers for homeless children at one or more worship service during the month of October. Domestic violence is a major cause of child homelessness, and October is Domestic Violence Awareness month, so we are asking congregations to donate diapers they collect to an organization that provides services to families fleeing domestic violence.

For more information about how your congregation can participate, or to learn more about the Coalition of Religious Communities, contact Bill Tibbitts at Crossroads Urban Center, bill@crossroadsurbancenter.org or 801-364-7765 ex 107.

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A MULTI-FAITH
RESPONSE TO
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	10:30am Assisting Ministers	Ushers	Altar Guild	Greeters	Counters	Refreshments
Oct 7	Ellen Liu	Kurt/Marsha Volunteers	Steve/ Marie Marsha	Art & Marian Sutherland	Fred + Angie	Thrivent Financial
Oct 14	Denny Gross	Kurt/Marsha Volunteers	Carrie Denny	Volunteers needed	Janice + Ron	Marci Hall
Oct 21		Kurt/Marsha Volunteers	Ann Marie Bruce/Lois	Volunteers needed	Jan + Erin	Please volun- teer
Oct 28		Kurt/Marsha Volunteers	Jan Holly	Volunteers needed	Fred + Bob	Please volun- teer

ORGAN UPDATE



To the left is a photo of the "swell box" in the process of being assembled. It will house all but the largest 24 of the 402 pipes that will make up the new Swell division. Five of the seven louvers to control sound volume are in place in the closed position. The new stop rail is nearing completion. In October we will install that in the console and connect it to the organ's existing stops.

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!

CONNECTING THROUGH GRACE: Financial Stewardship towards our Mission & Ministries

It's budget time! The church council is working on the proposed budget for 2019. This will be presented at the November 18th Congregational Meeting. More details to come.

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Leslie Miller,
Church Council Treasurer

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