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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.

Announcements. We have sung hymns, received the Word and celebrated the great grace of Christ's "for you" in the Holy Meal. Now we anticipate the holy rhythm of worship's conclusion: "Go in peace. Serve the Lord." But, before we go: "Announcements." (More than once assisting minister Denny Gross has introduced them as "Zion's commercials.")

Our announcements are typical of many churches, which share various congregational concerns: receptions, ice cream socials, the Salmon Run and fundraisers like the Olivia Rose Golf Tournament.

But listen carefully to this summer's announcements. They embraced a unique theme in the many ways we are connecting through grace in our community and the world.

Seventh grader Berkley announced that she was selling home made slime, so that she could purchase toys for activity bags for children in Primary Children's Hospital. (she made 34 bags)

Brant Parker Graham invited us to his band's concert at Zion. The MAD (Make A Difference) Band raised thousands for the Youth Resource Center, which supports and shelters homeless and at-risk teens.

During all the "Bread Sundays," we were encouraged to join Bread for the World <http://www.bread.org/>

John Krehbiel asked that we consider school supply donations for Bright Minds Daycare, serving refugee children.

We were invited to address those difficult-to-talk-about-social-justice-issues at monthly Social Action Forums.

Volunteers responded to requests to provide meals for Family Promise and the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Journey for Justice Caravan.

Then there are the crosses. Yes, we are requesting donations for crosses, cut out of our old exterior wall, raising funds for Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey, El Paso. The funds will support the congregation's ministry with family reunification and border ministries.

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UPCOMING ZION EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM on Sunday, September 2nd

8:15 AM Awakening Worship and 10:30 AM Traditional Worship begins on **September 9th**.

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, September 23rd

Begins at Noon; All are welcome. Deb Elstad presents 'Immigration is Complex; Involvement is Greatly Needed.'

Deb Elstad recently joined members of the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod Council in El Paso, Texas where, through the Lutheran congregation *Iglesias Luterana Cristo Rey*, they immersed themselves into the realities and experiences of border migration. That direct involvement inspired insight, understanding of challenges and ideas on how to make a difference.

OLIVIA ROSE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 17th annual Olivia Rose Memorial Golf Tournament will be played Sunday, Sept. 23 at Stansbury Park Golf Course. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board upstairs and we encourage paid registration by Sept. 16. The four-person scramble format is designed to make golfers of all ages and abilities feel comfortable, and individuals and twosomes can be combined into groups. Tee times begin at 1 p.m. and the cost is \$50 per player, covering 18 holes of golf with a cart. The low rates at Stansbury Park enable us to contribute \$25 of that fee directly to the VBS Music Camp, helping to cover tuition for what has become a tremendous outreach of Zion. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans again is sponsoring refreshments and we appreciate their support.

Please make checks payable to Zion, with the notation of "VBS/Olivia Rose Golf" and give them to Kurt Kragthorpe or place them in the offering plate.

OKTOBERFEST

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 13th at Zion. See or email Jon Hall to volunteer for this event; more details coming soon. jhjh87@gmail.com

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR....

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Have you noticed how the announcements give witness to the many and various ways we are caught up in God's loving service to the world? You are amazing people, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Don't be surprised if the announcements replace the sermon for a Sunday sometime soon. The sermon would begin, "Listen to the various ways the Holy Spirit is moving in and among and through us." Announcements follow. Then we will conclude with a loud, "**Amen!**"

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THRIVENT

If you are a Thrivent member and like their calendar, you can get online to pre-order it. Or you can watch for the September issue of Thrivent magazine to order your free 2019 member calendar. Each member is allowed to order one. Thrivent is no longer sending these to churches or financial advisors for distribution. They must be pre-ordered. If you have any questions, you can contact Angie Reuschel, the Thrivent Congregational Advocate, at aclmom86@msn.com or 801-712-9584.



JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE

Temporary Protected Status:
Stories from the Journey for Justice Caravan
(A group of 25 immigrant TPS recipients traveling the U.S. to bring awareness and mobilization regarding the stripping of TPS status.)

Saturday, September 1, 2018, 3-6 PM

First Unitarian Church, Eliot Hall,
(enter through the north door)

The church is located on the corner of 1300 East and
600 South in Salt Lake City.

All are welcome, refreshments will be served.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS

Saturday, September 15, 2018—Walk to Fight Suicide—sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Liberty Park, Salt Lake City

Check-in/Registration Time: **9:00 am**

Opening Ceremony: **11:00 am**

Walk Begins: **11:30 am**

Walk Ends: **1:00 pm**

Register: www.afsp.org/slc; online registration closes at noon (local time) the Friday before the walk. However, anyone who would like to participate can register in person at the walk from the time check-in begins until the walk starts. Registration is free and open to the public. Walk donations are accepted until December 31st.

CROSSROADS URBAN CTR

Wednesday, September 5: CORC Salt Lake Quarterly Meeting, noon to 1:00 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church, 1710 S. Foothill Drive, SLC.

FOOD OF THE MONTH: Snacks

THRIFT STORE NEEDS: Back to school kids' clothes

Sunday, September 16, 2018 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, *Wine & Cheese Benefit Party 2018*, The Bayou, 645 State St, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

To buy tickets, go to: <https://www.crossroadsurbancenter.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

All are welcome to explore the ELCA draft social statement on Women and Justice. This study and discussion is a thoughtful participation of God's work in the world, especially as we discern what the church teaches about contemporary issues related to sexism and patriarchy in our society. It offers a way to be connecting through grace, as we are rooted in God's biblical claim of full and abundant life for all people. The draft is available at:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Social Statement DRAFT on Women and Justice.pdf? ga=2.127233037.1660853779.1535552936-113081658.1424814563](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Social%20Statement%20DRAFT%20on%20Women%20and%20Justice.pdf?ga=2.127233037.1660853779.1535552936-113081658.1424814563)

It is not necessary to read the draft before class. All are welcome! **Sunday, Sept. 9th at 9:15 AM in the church library.**

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Our faithful steward Miss Heather will not be continuing after August; this is a paid position. If you are interested, please contact Holly Graham 801.755.1724. This position requires a background check. Hours are every Sunday from 9:15 AM to 11:45 AM; \$40.00 per week.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Christ's healing presence with Dianne Krehbiel, Rodney Schroeder, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Ron Finner, Terri Finner, Jennie Johnson, Nelly Klooster, John Modde, Leo Seegert, Berkley Foulks, Wayne Graham.

For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Library Guild will meet again in September, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM.

The following books have been added to the library: *"Five Loaves and Two Fish"* by Julie Stiegemeier; *"God Love Me Baby Bible Board Book"* by Susan Elizabeth Beck; *"We Belong Together"* by Todd Parr; *"Curious George gets a medal"* by H. A. Rey; *"Giving to God"* by Mark Allan Powell; *"Markings"* by Dag Hammarskjöld

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

Hello Parents!

Sunday School at Zion for ages 2-high school is starting this month! Rally Day is September 9th at 9:15 AM. Sunday School hour runs from 9:15-10:15 a.m. each week. Remember church services go back to 8:15 and 10:30 AM on September 9th.

Due to the ongoing construction project, look for Holly, Doug & Marci to direct you that day on where to drop your child. Lisa Mensinger will be organizing kids' games, and parents of Sunday School children will meet in the atrium to go over the Sunday School calendar and choir schedule.

Our Sunday School offerings this year will support ELCA World Hunger. Please send your child with a small offering each week! Every little bit helps!

Also happening this month (on September 23rd) is the Olivia Memorial Golf Tournament at Stansbury Park. All proceeds go to support VBS and our wonderful children's ministry here at Zion. It is a lot of fun, and we hope you will sign-up to play!

See you on Rally Day September 9th at 9:15 AM!

LET ME SHINE PRESCHOOL

Welcome and greetings as we begin a new school year! It's great to see the school full of life. I've been anticipating the sounds of children in the halls, seeing familiar faces, and new faces too! The classrooms look bright and cheerful once again. God continues to bless Let Me Shine as we begin our 17th year of serving our community. We have wonderful families, an outstanding staff and a great board of trustees!

The Let Me Shine 2018-2019 staff is as follows:

Assistant Director	Holly Graham
18 Month	Denet Barnitz
2 Year Old	Carlee Bell, Heather Gee
Preschool	Lezlie Hargrave, Kristina Obermark
Pre-Kindergarten	Anne Schmid, Christina Farden, Sabrina Bell
Music	Alia Gonzales
Aides	Janel Trapp, Kelli Schroeter, Kristina Schwertz, Gabrielle Khokhar
Media	Nicole Caldwell

May God bless you and our school year.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

In His Service,
Barb
Barbara Ballif, Director

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the gift of education. Please keep our children safe. Open their eyes to see many new friends. Open their ears to the wisdom of their teachers, coaches and peers. Open their minds to learn new things. Let their hearts remember that you are with them in all times and places. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Thank you again to Brian Mensinger, Bob Wenzel and Chandler Bursey for teaching the High School class. Lisa Mensinger will be teaching the 6th-8th grade students, and will have Bob, Brian and Chandler rotate into the class with her.

The 6th-8th graders will be exploring the Hebrew Text (Old Testament) this year.

The High School class will be viewing the speakers from the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston.

Please encourage your youth to attend because each of them add value to the group.

BLUE CROSSES

Our total so far for the crosses cut from our blue corrugated metal exterior is \$2,435.00. All proceeds go to Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey Church in El Paso, TX for their reunification of immigrant families and their ministry on the border. Suggested donation \$25.00 per cut out. Pick one up while supplies last.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

CONNECTING THROUGH GRACE: Financial Stewardship towards our Mission & Ministries

The summer is coming to an end, and as we enter back into our regular routines for fall, we would like to offer a financial update. For July & August 2018, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time contributions amounted to \$81,179, while contributions for our Capital Campaigns for Organ Fund totaled \$885 and contributions made toward the building renovations totaled \$370.

2018 Year To Date Totals	
Envelopes/Loose Offerings	\$293,610
Year-to-Date Goal	\$332,384
<i>Difference</i>	<i>-\$38,774</i>
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	
Organ Fund (Total collected)	\$111,100
Total Campaign Goal	\$220,000
<i>Difference</i>	<i>-\$108,900</i>
Building Fund (Total collected)	\$16,940
2018 Goal (as part of annual budget)	\$30,000
<i>Difference</i>	<i>-\$13,060</i>

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
Sept 2	Last worship 10 AM	Doug, Chuck, John	Carrie + Melissa	Volunteers needed	Ron + Diane	Please volun- teer
Sept 9	Erin Basta	Doug, Chuck, John	Jan + Marsha	Volunteers needed	Ron + Marci	Please volun- teer
Sept 16	Denny Gross	Doug, Chuck, John	Steve /Marie + Denny	Volunteers needed	Jane + Sandra	Please volun- teer
Sept 23	Rachel Kibler	Doug, Chuck, John	Ann Marie + Bruce/Lois	Volunteers needed	Angie + Fred	Please volun- teer
Sept 30		Doug, Chuck, John	Marci + Holly	Volunteers needed	Ron + Janice	Please volun- teer

ORGAN UPDATE

Here are some photos showing progress in the Bigelow shop on the organ.



1. This is the new solid walnut stop rail, into which 68 new stop switches will be installed, replacing the original plywood one with 23 stops.



2. These are the 68 stop tabs – the things the organist pushes to change the sound. They will be mounted to stop switches after they are mounted to the stop rail.



3. This is the Swell impost. It will attach behind the existing Great division (upper middle part of the organ). This is what supports the windchests on which all but 24 of the 402 pipes of the new Swell division will stand. It will also support walls on three sides and two panels of louvers in front.



4. This is the larger of the two panels of louvers – commonly called swell shades. These are controlled by a pedal on the console, allowing the organist to infinitely vary the amount of sound coming through them.

Bigelow & Co. is eager to begin work on site, and we hope to be ready as soon as the construction in the sanctuary is complete.

Coming in September—**ZELC Online Directory!** We are working out the kinks now; look for an email with your login instructions. You can upload photos and make any necessary changes to your contact information, along with tracking your contributions—exciting stuff happening!

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