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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, socio-economic 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...

Ash Wednesday is hard. It is profoundly awkward to mark one another with ashes: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Every year I am taken aback by the oily black crosses smudged on the foreheads of babies and our oldest members, on the heads of young adults with their hopes and dreams, on the heads of spouses and colleagues, black crosses on those carrying in silence the burden of illness or addiction, smudges of ash marking endings that are beginnings and beginnings that are endings.

The meaning of the day is not to leave us standing in fear or shame or shock or despair, covered as we are in one another's ashes. The day is not about judging us into obedience, or trying (again) to change or to get it right.

Ash Wednesday is about putting our life and our death into God's hands. We simply take all that we can name and all that we are afraid to name; and we bring it to God. "All of this we commend to you," we pray. One poet (Jan Richardson) says:

"Did you now know what the Holy One can do with dust?

So let us be marked
not for sorrow.

Let us be marked
not for false humility

or for thinking we are less than what we are

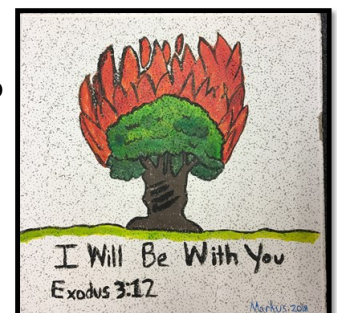
but for claiming
what God can do
within the dust,
within the dirt,
within the stuff
of which the world
is made

and the stars that blaze
in our bones

and the galaxies that spiral
inside the smudge
we bear. "

Ash Wednesday is about our God, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. It is about our God who takes us, with whatever we bring into the day's worship, with whatever we face and whatever our path when we leave, and gives us a new way forward.

in and through Christ,
Pastor Steve



Sunday School News!

Zion Sunday School is very blessed to have great teachers, students, and families participating. We ask for your continued prayers for all.

Thank you to all that attended the Epiphany Brunch on January 7th. We had a great time sampling the wide variety of potluck dishes. Thanks also to Sarah Flanigan and Christy Hillock for creating a fun activity for the kids to participate in.

Parents to students of any age are invited to join other parents in the kitchen area for coffee during the Sunday school hour. This is a casual time to meet and get to know parents as well as enjoy a cup of coffee. All are welcome.

Dates to note are:

February 4th - Sunday school Teachers meeting following 10:30 worship

February 11th - Confirmation Sunday, Joyful NOIZ performs at 10:30 worship

February 14th - Ash Wednesday

February 23rd -25th - All Youth (7th-12th grade) participate in Souper Bowl of Caring

March 3rd – Interfaith Children’s Choir Festival, 9:00-3:00

March 4th – 2nd Grade Bible Presentation with Children’s Choir festival performance at 10:30 worship



ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14th

Noon Worship

&

7:00 PM Worship

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

6:00 PM Soup Supper

7:00 PM Holden Evening Lenten Worship
each Wednesday

February 21 through March 21

Youth will be sharing a story of the people along the Journey to the Cross such as Noah, Moses, Esther, Ruth, Martha, The Woman at the Well, The Anonymous Woman at Jesus’ Feet & Peter



Library Corner

The Library Guild usually meets on **Tuesdays at 10:30 am** in the library. 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!



Children's Choir Day
Ages: Kindergarten-12 years
Saturday, March 3, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
1070 Foothill Drive, SLC

Featuring our special guest conductor
Dr. Loneka Wilkinson Battiste
 University of Tennessee

Children will sing in a chorus with Dr. Battiste and
 participate in workshops:

African Drumming and Dance
 with Deja Mitchell

Orff Music- xylophones, percussion and movement
 with Susan Swidnicki

Games and singing skills

Lunch, snacks and all instruction will be provided by
 Zion Lutheran Church, free of charge,
 to all participants.

To register please call: 801-582-2321

Questions: Susan Swidnicki
 sljswidnicki@gmail.com

LET ME SHINE PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Have dinner at Panda Express in Sugarhouse, 1126 East 2100 South, Ste B, Wednesday, February 21 between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Our preschool will receive 20% of revenue generated. Enjoy dinner out and support our mission outreach preschool.

***One Pastor's Call for Compassionate and
 Comprehensive Immigration Reform***
"Social Action Forum"

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
 1070 S. Foothill Drive, Salt Lake City

Sunday, February 25

Light lunch at noon

Presentation 12:30—1:30

All are Welcome!

Grounded in the Biblical practice of hospitality, Pastor Steve Klemz calls for people of faith to address and advocate for compassionate changes in our nation's broken immigration system. Pastor Klemz' presentation draws on his long and personal experience for immigration reform.

THANK YOU!

Thank you, people of Zion,
 for your strong response to
 our stewardship appeal. As
 we continue to grow into a
 cultural of generosity, and
 continue to connect through
 grace, pledges are useful to
 help your church council plan programs and services for the
 year. We had hoped for a 100% response rate from mem-
 bers electing to make a financial pledge and/or committing
 to praying for the congregation's efforts. To date, we have
 received pledges of support from 66% of us—not 100% but a
 big increase from last year's 4% return rate. As one member
 noted, "We do always support Zion financially, but some-
 times just forget to turn in a pledge form. Having the State-
 ment of Intent form available was a good reminder for us to
 take that step. And reading the stewardship material helped
 us understand that specifying a dollar amount is crucial for
 the church council to be able to realistically plan for the
 year."

Thanks to your support, we ended the 2017 year \$136.55 in
 the black!

What's happening now? Groups are beginning work in each
 of our areas of emphasis.

Investing in Our Children: On March 3, Zion is holding an In-
 terfaith Children's Choir Festival.

Investing in Our Home: A building task force has begun to
 analyze building needs and to pre-
 pare a plan for moving forward. One
 notable change, recognizing our care
 for creation: insulating improve-
 ments will move us from R1.5 to R20
 value.



Investing in Our Congregation: A communications task force
 also has begun to meet, to plan for upgrades to the congre-
 gation's web page, directory, and financial management sys-
 tems.

We do what we can do, always focused on how we can con-
 nect in grace through gratitude. The spiritual discipline of
 financial support is as important as worshiping and praying
 and serving and singing. Look for notes in the bulletins and
 newsletter about specific ways you can help as we work and
 connect in the coming year.





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As Mister Rogers once said, *"Love and trust, in the space between what's said and what's heard in our life, can make all the difference in this world."*

Sharing God's love...when you walk the halls of Let Me Shine that is what you'll hear; from the chapel, from the classrooms and from the playground. There is nothing more important in our day. It is from this point the rest of our learning takes place!

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Happy Valentine's Day!

In His Service,

Barb Ballif

Director

P.S. We are currently enrolling and are accepting applications for all ages. If you know anyone who is interested in preschool, please let them know about this wonderful opportunity to provide their child with a Christian education at Let Me Shine.

Connecting Through Grace: Investing in our Congregation

Volunteers Needed: We need three people to volunteer to join a group that is investigating new communication and office support systems for Zion. If you are interested in helping and can commit to a few meetings over the next six months, please e-mail office@zelc.org. We will be looking at an updated web page as well as new systems for member and financial management.

Pub Theology—Role of Music is Worshipping God

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Dessert Edge Brewery in Trolley Square

7:00 PM



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the weekly scriptures from the Taking Faith Home bulletin insert.

Beautiful Blessings Group—Join us!

This new small group of women meets at 10 AM on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at Honeysuckle Coffee Co (8745 South 700 East, #2, Sandy, UT). Bring your child(ren) because there is a play area for them while you enjoy sharing beautiful blessings with other women. We will begin exploring the book by Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart*. Contact Lisa Mensinger at youth@zelc.org.

Sunday Worship

8:15 AM or 10:30 AM

Education hour 9:15 AM

In Our Prayers: Christ's healing presence with Diane Teece, Dianne Krehbiel, Rodney Schroeder, Marie Newton, Jim Wright, Linde Wrathall. God's grace with Dorothy Nielsen. For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry.

Bible Study with Pastor Steve

All are welcome. Sundays, in the Atrium, 9:15-10:15 AM. In February, we continue the study of Mark's Gospel.

January 25, 2018:
With Pamela Atkinson in new ministry initiative:
Morning Devotionals with our Homeless Friends



Opportunity for Teens to participate in the 2018 Ulster Project

The Ulster Project is a Christian peace project for teenagers which will be held for the 33rd time in Utah in July of 2018. The project brings Protestant and Catholic teenagers from Northern Ireland to be matched with their Utahn peers for a month long program in Salt Lake City which focuses on teaching trust, tolerance and mutual respect. The structured program is a mix of fun activities, service projects and exercises led by trained counselors to help the teens develop trust in each other, particularly as it relates to the religious sectarianism which the Northern Irish experience in their daily lives.

We are inviting teenagers who are in 9th grade or are 15 years old to apply for the 2018 Project. If selected you and your family will be asked to host a teen from Northern Ireland for the month long duration of the Project. Zion has a long history of supporting the Ulster Project and we are hoping

to continue that tradition in 2018. For further information please visit our web site at utahulsterproject.org or you may also contact Julie Langie (801-601-8310) or Nikki Schlehuber (801-209-4055).

ZELC Council Highlights from January Meeting:

- We decided not to have a Mardi Gras party/potluck because no dates would work, with confirmation on the 11th, Super Bowl on the 4th.
- Christy Hillock is coordinating meals for anyone in the congregation who is in need. If you are in need, or know someone who is, and who would benefit from meals, please contact Christy Hillock.
- Stewardship update- when we send out end of year statements, we are going to include a little blurb thanking the congregation for the letters of intent, and again asking those who have not yet done so, to please fill one out.
- Steve- continuing education- After some discussion, Steve is going to take Spanish lessons for continuing education (one year time period) to reach out to the community. Look for a Spanish bible study soon.
- Dianne Krehbiel officially resigned as choir director, Diane Gardner will be the official new director. Steve will check into "choir director" type contracts/agreements with the ELCA.



Zion's 1980 W. Zimmer Tracker Pipe Organ Update:

The first rank (set) of brand new pipes, hand-crafted in Germany, for the new Swell division (Phase Two of the project) is due to arrive at the Bigelow shop early in February. Samples of two other existing ranks are being evaluated for tonal compatibility, and two others are ready and waiting for minor alterations in the Bigelow shop. That accounts for five of the six planned ranks in this phase, which Bigelow hopes to complete this year.

We are grateful for your contributions to date towards this project, focusing on Connecting Through Grace via our music programs and encourage you to consider a new or additional contribution towards its completion.

<http://www.icatholic.org/article/diocese-of-salt-lake-city-sponsors-interfaith-prayer-94710820>

Click the link above to read the article from the **Intermountain Catholic Newspaper**, covering events from MKL, Jr. Day, January 15, 2018, "Diocese of Salt Lake City sponsors interfaith prayer service to end racism" that Pastor Steve participated in.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Lisa Mensinger, Director of Youth Ministries at (801-582-2321 ext 11) or email: youth@zelc.org

Faith Formation Disciples Schedule

Sun, Feb 11, 2018 _____ 10:30 am
Affirmation of Baptism

Faith Formation Disciples & Coaches

February 11 we will celebrate with the FFD as they affirm their baptism at the 10:30 am worship.

Thank you to all the Faith Coaches for being another caring adult in these peoples lives.

Zoe Caldwell

Linda Strohacker

Andrew Hall

Brian Mensinger

Augustus Hickman

James Gardner

Lily Scaife

Diane Gardner

Lily Mayer

Marci Hall

Margaret Mayer

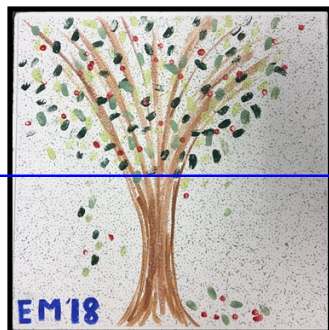
Holly Graham

Jenna Foulks

Doug Graham

Marcus Zaba

Peter Staks



Souper Bowl of Caring

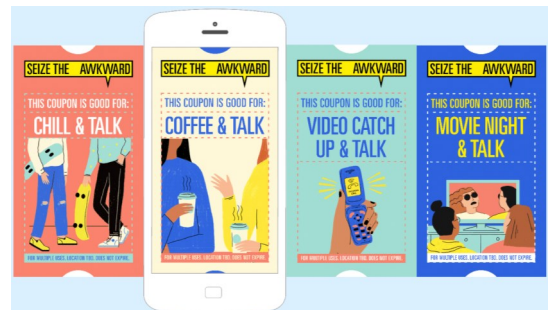
February 23-24, 2018

Ninja Warrior Theme

RSVP to Lisa by Feb 4

**Overnight Retreat + Service Projects
on Saturday**

Bring a friend.



Houston Here We Come!!!



June 27—July 1, 2018

Please keep in your prayers youth and adults going to Houston this June. Luke, Rex, Zoe, Jenna, F., Andrew Hall & Thomas, "Dr. Quinn" (Micaela) & Lydia, Chris, Connor & Jasmine, Jacob, Andrew, Maya, Jordanelle, Kyleigh, Bob, Steve H. Carla & Lisa

Next Planning Meetings

February 23-25

Souper Bowl of Caring

April 4

Understanding the Utah
Refugee Connection

February, 2018



at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

	10:30 AM
Feb 4	Jane Erdahl
Feb 11	Youth
Feb 18	
Feb 25	Youth

Ushers:

Volunteers Needed!!!

Altar Guild:

Feb 4	Newton + Stewart
Feb 11	Jan + Denny
Feb 14	Marci (Ash Wed.)
Feb 18	Ann Marie + Holly
Feb 25	Carrie + Marsha

Greeters:

Feb 4	Verna H. @ 10:30
Feb 11	Youth @ 10:30
Feb 18	
Feb 25	Youth @ 10:30

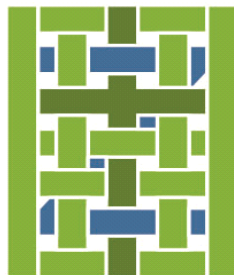
Counters:

Week of:

Feb 4	Jane & Warren
Feb 11	Ann Marie & Andrew
Feb 18	Warren & Erin
Feb 25	Paula & Sandra



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Dodo Fundraiser

Zion youth are highly trained experts in the flocking patterns of Dodo Birds. For a small fee, they will guide these birds to the yards of your fortunate family & friends. The Dodo birds migrate to a yard for a day or two, surprising their host and bringing a smile to all those who pass. The flock is maintenance free, require no food or water & is potty trained.

The flock will only be in the area from **February 16 to March 23.**

Cost is \$1.00 per bird (min. of 20)

a small removal fee of \$5 is appreciated.

However, you could insure that this flock won't visit your home for **\$25.**

Complete the form on the reverse side & put it in the offering plate.



Dodo Bird Flocking Fundraiser

Deliver to: _____ Delivery date (1st choice:) _____

Address: _____ Delivery date (2nd choice): _____

Special Instructions/Note: _____

Sender Name: _____ Sender Phone #: _____

Cash or Check # _____ (Make checks payable to ZELC memo: Youth)
(_____) I wish to purchase insurance ONLY

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ZION YOUTH

Questions? Contact Lisa Mensinger @ 814-360-6283 or Email Youth@ZELC.ORG



2017-2018 ZELC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESIDENT, Doug Graham | VICE-PRESIDENT, Marsha Gilford | SECRETARY, Nicole Reese

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