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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, socioeconomic 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...

My Reflections on Zion Generosity

Deana Miller, director Operation Bootstrap Africa, was desperate. "We had a cancellation. If you don't join in our walk, we will have to cancel." The "walk" was an 8-day, 200-mile foray through Maasai land in Tanzania. Each walker recruited sponsors who pledged \$15,000 to finance the construction of three classrooms in east Africa. "This is not Minnesota," I reminded Deana, "we don't have enough Lutherans to raise that kind of money." "Well, do what you can," she responded. In the end, through Zion's generosity, we raised \$24,000, enough to build nearly five classrooms!

Many of us remember and celebrate our building addition, which provided needed welcoming space, elevator, offices and classrooms. Our capital appeal faced a million and a half dollar challenge with *an additional commitment* to provide seed money to start a preschool. In a follow up appeal, we tithed our first \$30,000 for a mission start up in South Jordan.

Believe it or not, we once ended a fiscal year with a \$20,000 surplus. Those funds did not go into a rainy day fund. They were not used to pay down our building loan. Instead, we purchased a used van for Crossroads Urban Center; gave a special offering to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and the Rocky Mtn. Synod of the ELCA.

To this day, we continue to grow our ministry of music through a financial legacy from Ellen Crooks. With her fund and special gifts from congregational members, we have purchased most of the Orff instruments used by choirs and Sunday School.

This is what we do. Our money follows mission. Generosity is woven into our spiritual DNA.

But right about now, Bruce Springsteen's *Glory Days* is bouncing through my mind's eye. We can celebrate the past, but what is the story of generosity we are writing today? We are a congregation without debt. We believe the Spirit is calling us into a new vision for mission, *connecting us through grace*, moving us into new outreach venues while attending our building, correcting safety issues and reducing our carbon footprint.

Trusting in God's promise through Jeremiah, we pray that this story is being written on our hearts.

In and through Christ,

Pastor Steve

Sunday School News!



We are blessed to have great teachers, students, and families participating in Zion's Children's ministry.

We ask for your continued prayers for all.

On October 29th we hosted our annual Pumpkin Carving Lunch with a Chili Cook Off fundraising for ELCA Hurricane Relief. Lots of chili was eaten and many pumpkins were carved with lots of laughs and fun shared. It was great to see Sunday school friends play and share time together. We also collected nearly \$500 for Hurricane Relief. It was a wonderful celebration of the 500th Reformation!

Sunday schools next main event will be the Christmas program scheduled for Sunday, December 17th in the evening. We would love to have the whole congregation attend to show support for the children. We see their faith and love of Christ every week but they would like to show you! Parents please try to have your student attend all Sunday school classes before the program so that Susan has the maximum rehearsal time with all.

Save the Date:

November 5: All Saints Sunday

November 19: Joyful NOIZ performs at 10:30 worship.

December 3: Pastor Steve meets with Preschool – 6th grade classes



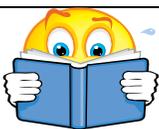
View from the Pew

This is the best book that I wish I had never read. Or maybe reading it was healthy, potentially evoking a lot of thought and discussion. In any case, "Losing My Religion: How I Lost My Faith Reporting on Religion in America – and Found Unexpected Peace" was both interesting and disturbing to me on some levels.

I came across the book only because the City Library was giving it away, at the end of the annual used book sale. My interest stemmed from the author William Lobdell's background as a Los Angeles Times reporter. Trying to summarize the questions he asks throughout the book are difficult to summarize in a couple of hundred words, but the arc of the story is that he became what we could consider a deeply religious person, only to literally lose faith in the system because of what he witnessed in his job (including a visit to Utah, but that's a whole other issue).

The book questions a lot of things I've wondered about, including the value of prayer and God's role in everything that happens in the world. The author, eventually, gave up. I'm convinced that's not the answer, but many questions do remain. "Losing My Religion" gave me a lot to think about it, as I would frame in two basic questions, in terms of how belonging to Zion or any church affects us and how we respond to God's direction: What does our faith do for us? And what does our faith do to us?

~Kurt Kragthorpe



Library Corner

The following books have been added to the library: "Pope John Paul II" The Biography by Tad Szulc; "Jesus, The Evidence" by Ian Wilson.

In the children's section, we've added: "My First Book about Jesus" by Sally Ann Wright and Frank Endersby; "God Shows the Way" by Mackall / Gevry.

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!

In Memoriam

Mildred Louise Wepler Erdman
1924 – 2017

It used to be “Bob and Millie.” Then, just “Millie.” And now it is Millie who has completed her earthly baptismal journey. “Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away.” In their day, Bob and Millie were leaders in Zion, faithful in worship, spirited participants in Bible study, and a couple who found delight in fellowship gatherings. We commend Millie to her holy rest in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In her obituary, she is remembered as a talented, compassionate, and dedicated classroom and special education teacher. “Mom loved her birthday on the 4th of July. We called her, “Our little firecracker!” With her diminutive stature and thick auburn hair, she was a force of nature that inspired those around her. She was a gracious woman who had a contagious zest for life. Her intelligence, forward-thinking, resilience, work ethic, razor-sharp wit, and thirst for knowledge were an inspiration. Mom loved adventure and she and Dad were world travelers who visited every continent with the exception of Antarctica.”

Even though I am pastor, oft times Millie was my faith mentor. She was a woman of faith and courage, especially in times of suffering and adversity. She “spoke the truth in love,” offering me words of encouragement, affirmation and criticism. After all, Millie and Bob submitted my name to Zion’s call committee. But best of all was the benediction I received from Millie in every visit: “I love you.”

Thank you, Millie. Together in the love of Christ, may we continue to grow in love, not only in word and in speech, but in deed and in truth.

In and through Christ,
Pastor Steve

Caring Connections presents: Grief and the Holidays, Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Olympus Junior High School Auditorium. Featuring Jon Schmidt, world renowned pianist from The Piano Guys, “Memories are the Sweetest Gift”. For questions or additional information, call 801-585-9522 or visit www.nursing.utah.edu/caring-connections/.

Pastor Steve’s Sunday Morning Bible Study—for November, “Living our Faith in the Face of Evil and Injustice”; 9:15 AM in the atrium. All are welcome.

Action Forum—November 12th at Noon. Noah Miterko is coming from **HEAL UTAH** to speak about Clean air initiatives and Renewable energy. It will be excellent. All are welcome! Please meet downstairs in the terrace room.

PHOTOS FROM OUR PUMPKIN CARVING AND CHILI COOK-OFF on October 29th:





LET ME SHINE 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 congregation, board, staff, children and families at Let Me Shine. Thank you 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 21 at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend Chapel and invited to the delicious potluck meal following the service. 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.” Psalm 95:1-2 NLT

In His Service,
 Barb Ballif
 Director

Connecting Through Grace: Financial Stewardship

For the month of September, Zion’s weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time contributions amounted to \$24,983, while contributions for our Capital Campaign Organ Fund totaled \$4,587.

January-September 2017 Totals	
Envelopes/Loose Offerings	\$298,391.58
Year-to-Date Goal	\$335,596.37
Difference	-\$37,204.79
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	
Organ Fund	\$99,974.12
Campaign Goal	\$220,000.00
Difference	-\$120,025.88

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
 Leslie Miller, Church Council Treasurer

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 2nd and 4th 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*. A link to the first chapter can be found on our website. Contact Lisa Mensinger at youth@zelc.org.

Let Me Shine! Preschool Fundraising:

Just over \$600.00 was raised from Chipotle in October for our preschool!! Thank you Zion for your support. We have another fundraiser scheduled for November 7th at Café Zupas between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Let Me Shine Preschool will receive 25% of sales. Be sure to pick up a flier in the Narthex at Zion. Make it an easy dinner night and help support our preschool!



THANK YOU! Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricanes Irma and Maria : \$1,487 was raised for Hurricane Relief from our Chili Cook-off and Pumpkin Carving Event on October 29th.

Even though we are a non-competitive congregation, Sarah Sok, Norma Klemz, Holly Graham respectively finished first through third.

Special thanks to all who provided chili! Thank you to Julie Vasoni and Chandler Bursey for organizing the cook-off; and, to Louise Nelson for leading the pumpkin carving fellowship.

Catholic Community Services If you counted each roll of toilet paper donated, we exceeded our goal for donations to CSS for refugee resettlement.

In our celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, we collected 500 items of adult underwear, coats, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies and toilet paper.

Ronald McDonald Room at Primary Children's Hospital: On Thursday, October 26th, Zion volunteers served the dinner meal to families at the hospital. Special thanks to Jackie Benseler, Melissa Butson, Tara Drews, Sarah Flanigan and Christy Hillock. Many family members enjoyed vegetable chili, cornbread, salad and regular chili. Thank you for being good neighbors!

Interested in volunteering at this venue? Contact Pastor Steve for the details: pastor@zelc.org.

ZELC Church Council: At the October meeting, the Council spent considerable time working on the upcoming budget presentation for the November semi annual meeting on November 19th at Noon.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: On November 5th we celebrate and remember the saints at Zion who have gone before us:

Theodore (Doc) Schroeder
Bruce Sigvardt
Hal Sinn
Robert Steensma
Alice Schroeder
June King
Carol Thompson
Karen McCullough-Cummock
Mildred Erdman

and we celebrate with those who have been (and will be) baptized:

Payton, Greyson, Beckett Griffin
Isaac & Arthur Westman
Wren Haskell
Penelope Woodall
Saren Scott Maddern
Mio Ilo Alexander
Kirk Hollnagel
Andrew Peter Valdez
Zoe Caldwell
Katherine Hagen

Almighty God, we come to hands far stronger than our own: Into your wounded, now risen hands, Lord Jesus, we commend those baptized and dear ones, who have completed their earthly baptismal journey, remembering your hand raised on that first Easter evening, speaking: "Peace be with you."

SAVE THE DATE: **The Annual Congregational Meeting** is set for Sunday, November 19th at the 10:30 AM worship. Please mark your calendars! Look for more information in the upcoming bulletins.



YOUTH NEWS

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

Faith Formation Disciples

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During our congregation's stewardship/financial appeal, our faith formation students are interviewing some of our congregation members. In case you are not interviewed, here's the questions. May the Spirit bless our thoughtfulness, that we may move into thankfulness. — Pr. Steve

1. What is the first financial gift you remember ever giving, to whom did you give it, how much was it, and why did you choose to make this gift?
2. Who is the most generous person you have known in your life. Please share a story about how you witnessed their generosity.
3. How has your giving to the church grown throughout your life? How is it that you continue to grow in your giving?
4. Why do you give financially to the church?
5. How does giving to the church make you feel?
6. How would you share with a newcomer the importance of being generous in their financial participation in the church?

Faith Formation Retreat

Saturday, November 11
9:30 am—1:30 pm

Pastor Steve and other carrying adults will be sharing key Lutheran Doctrine with the youth during this retreat.

Faith Coaches please join us for lunch at **Noon**. It will be a great opportunity to connect with your Faith Disciples.



June 27—July 1, 2018

Houston—Here We Come!

Please keep in your prayers the 20 people who will be heading to Houston next June.

Zion: Luke Reuschel, Rex Graham, Zoe Caldwell, Jenna Foulks, Andrew Hall & Thomas Wenzel

Elim: “Dr. Quinn” (Micaela) & Lydia

Our Saviour's: Chris, Connor & Jasmine

Shepherd of the Mountain (PC): Andrew, Maya, Jordanelle, Jacob, Kyleigh

Adults: Bob Wenzel, Steve Hoffman (PC), Carla Wonder-McDowell (OSLC) & Lisa Mensinger

Faith Formation Disciples Schedule

Sat, Nov. 11—Retreat at Zion -----9:30 am—1:30 pm
Faith Coaches invited to lunch at 12:30 pm

Jan. 14-20, 2018 ----- Meet with Pastor Steve & Lisa
Caring conversations about questions.

Sun, Jan 21, 2018 ----- 11:30 am—2:30 pm
Celebratory Luncheon & Practice
Faith Coaches invited to give toast.

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

Fri-Sun, Feb 23-25, 2018----- Souper Bowl of Caring
Faith Coaches invited to Dinner Sat, Feb 24

November, 2017

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at a glance...

Assisting Ministers:

10:30 AM
Nov 5
Nov 12 Denny Gross
Nov 19
Nov 26

Ushers:

Alan Erdahl, Bob Hackworth,
Warren Patten, Art Sutherland

Altar Guild:

Nov 5 Ann Marie Mogren
Marsha Gilford
Nov 12 Jan Heins
Denny Gross
Nov 19 Marci Hall
Bruce & Lois Stewart
Nov 26 Steve/Marie Newton
Holly Graham

Greeters:

Nov 5 Verna Hanson
Nov 12
Nov 19
Nov 26

Counters:

Week of:
Nov 5 Warren & Ron
Nov 12 Ann Marie & Jan
Nov 19 Ron & Warren
Nov 26 Janice & Paula

Coming Soon....

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:

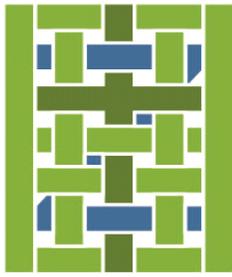
One morning worship @ 10:30 AM

6:00 PM CHILD-FRIENDLY WORSHIP
10:00 PM CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 9 Staff Mtg 11:40 LMS Chapel	2	3 9 Yoga-based exercise	4 10am—2pm Ger/Am Chorus using kitchen 4-6pm Private Violin Recitals-sanctuary
ALL SAINTS 5 8:15 am Awakening Worship 9:15 Education Hr 10:30 am Worship	6 9 Yoga-based exercise	7 10:30 Library work 11:40 LMS Chapel	8 7 Men's bible study 9 Yoga-based exercise 9 Staff Mtg	9	10 9 Yoga-based exercise	11 9:30 am—1:30 pm Faith Formation Disciples Retreat at ZELC
<i>Daylight savings time</i>	7-8:30 Yoga w/Julie	LMS Night at Café Zupas 5-9pm 6:30-9 G/A Chorus	6:30-8:00 Beginning Meditation class	6:30-8:30 Meditation Group		
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Noon-Action Forum downstairs	6:30-8:30 Girl Scouts 7-8:30 Yoga w/Julie	7 Compassionate Friends Mtg 6:30-9 G/A Chorus	6:30-8:00 Beginning Meditation class	7 LMS Board of Trustees Mtg 6:30-8:30 Meditation Group		
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	6:30-8:30 Girl Scouts 7-8:30 Yoga w/Julie	3 Book Club	6:30-8:00 Beginning Meditation class	6:30-8:30 Meditation Group		

Sunday Worship
8:15 AM or 10:30 AM
Education hour 9:15 AM
for children & adults





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Organ Expansion and Addition Update:

In November of 2013, Zion's congregation voted to begin a capital campaign to raise \$200,000 for the expansion of and addition to Zion's 1980 W. Zimmer Tracker Pipe Organ. At that point, we secured a formal spot for our project, designated as Opus 41, on M.L. Bigelow & Co. Organ Builders list of projects. They at that time were working on their Opus 36 for St. Ambrose Catholic Church here in Salt Lake City.

On February 15, 2017, work began! You can see pictures and brief descriptions of what's been done so far on Zion's website (www.zelc.org/organ-fundraising). Phase 1, which involved mainly electrical work, for keyboards and contacts, was completed this summer. Using a temporary control panel, the organist now has access to electric coupling (making it easier to play loud and fast) and sub-octave coupling, adding an element of depth to the sound.

Phase 2, currently in the design stage, is where the actual expansion begins. A new "swell box," containing six ranks of pipes, will be added behind the upper middle section of the organ. One rank is already in hand, and another is on order from Germany. Construction will begin in earnest in May-June, with opportunities for those with carpentry skills to volunteer. The first new sounds should be heard by the end of summer.

A more visible part of Phase 2 will be the expanded "stop rail" on the console, with 65 stop controls, up from the present 23. That will accommodate all the planned additions through the end of the project.

We have received approximately half of the funds we need for this project. Thank you SO much to those of you who have pledged funds to this project and those who have contributed as well. We received many generous donations at the occasion of the Friends of David concert, held on September 23rd and an additional unexpected and very gracious contribution from First United Methodist Church, who took a free will offering at their own organ concert for *our* project.

As a summary:

Project cost	\$200,000
Contributions received to date	\$99,974.12
Payments to Bigelow to date:	\$50,000
Fund balance	\$49,974.12

Phase 2 cost is \$60,000 so you can see we are approximately \$11,000 short of that. If you have not yet had an opportunity to support this project, please consider that now, especially considering that Zion's music program is one of our important ministry initiatives. If you have any questions about the project, please ask Paul or Ann Marie Mogren; technical questions about the project should go to David Chamberlin.

In Our Prayers: Christ's healing presence with Diane Teece, Dianne Krehbiel, Rodney Schroeder, Christy Hillock. God's grace with Dorothy Nielsen.

For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry. For health and safekeeping for Autumn Kieber-Emmons and all mothers with child.

2017-2018 ZELC CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

TREASURER, Leslie Miller

Team Leaders: Holly Graham, Terri Moffitt, Ann Marie Mogren, Michael Chard