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through Grace  
**ZION**  
EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

# THE HERALD

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## A Word from the Pastor

In 2011 Lisa Mensinger walked into Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and moved into our hearts. It didn't take long for us to see how the Spirit walked with her or, perhaps, the way the Holy Gust blew her into our life together.

It is said that the Holy Spirit loves company. Well, so does Lisa. Together they explored more and more ways to draw people into the web of God's grace. Youth ministry morphed into expanded relationships with parents, faith coaches, mentors, and adult partners in service events and ELCA youth gatherings. The Spirit and Lisa couldn't leave our worship well enough alone. Youth led midweek Lenten worship. Then, Lisa became fully involved in worship planning. All along the way, she continued to develop abiding relationships.

Then it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to Lisa, that she should heed the call for public ordained ministry. She walked with mentors, spiritual directors, and with us, discerning her way. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, her heart burned as Jesus appeared in the scriptures for her. Later she walked as a student chaplain into hospital rooms and waiting rooms, learning to be Christ for those in distress. Now, her training calls her into a new walk in ministry, serving an internship with Elim Lutheran Church, an urban congregation in Ogden.

We share in Lisa's Holy Spirit-ed walk. Long before she entered seminary (which means, "seedbed") I believe that our community of faith was Lisa's seedbed. The Spirit was planting, cultivating and nurturing Lisa's call among us. We are in mission together, in a different way and in a very personal way. We have provided scholarship assistance through our mission support. We pray for Lisa. All of this has proved to be mutually beneficial. Together, we have grown in our faith. We have learned that mission support goes beyond "what we are doing for another." In church language, this is called "accompaniment." It is accompanying one another, a walking together, learning and supporting one another. In Tanzania we say, "bega kwa bega," -- hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder.

When you think on all of this, we are walking on holy ground, with Christ.

Pastor Steve Krenz  
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Note: At the semi-annual meeting, the council is presenting a motion to financially support Lisa's internship at Elim (three quarter time) and at Zion (one quarter time).

## Child Care Needed

Nursery Attendant needed for Summer and into Fall for Sunday worship service. Please see Holly Graham if interested. This is a paid position and requires a background check. Please contact [office@zelc.org](mailto:office@zelc.org) for more information or to apply.

## Sunday School

We finished out the 2018-2019 school year with our annual Teacher Appreciation potluck on May 19th, organized so well by Sarah Flanigan. We had delicious food, happy fellowship, and skits performed by the different classes.

Thank you to all of the teachers, parents, and kids who made this past year of Sunday School a success! It truly took a village this year (or maybe even a small city) to keep Sunday School going, and I am thankful for all of you!

*Melissa*

## Choir Director Position

Zion is hiring a choir director, a part-time paid position. Worship is primary to our congregational life, and music is central to our worship.

Duties include choosing seasonally-appropriate choir anthems for weekly worship, and rehearsing and conducting the choir on Sunday mornings. If desired, the choir director can take on additional duties (for additional pay) of planning hymns and liturgy appropriate for the church season.

Choral conducting experience is required for this position. We are looking for a person who is enthusiastic about church music, who gets along well with others and is open to learning, and who respects singers and knows how to communicate with them.

We are a welcoming congregation, and we believe that all are beloved children of God. This message should be communicated in word and music.

Start date is flexible. Please send resume and cover letter to [office@zelc.org](mailto:office@zelc.org).

A message from  
Everett Butson



My name is Everett and I am almost eleven. One of the many blessings I am lucky to have is going to visit Mrs. Verna and Mrs. Bev with Mrs. Lisa. We talk about everything from how growing up now is different from way back when to spoon collections. Mrs. Verna and Mrs. Bev have always been very kind to me and I would love to continue to visit them in years to come.



# Zion Youth

## BBQ with Bethlehem at Antelope Island

On Tuesday, July 23, Deaconess Kristen Balstrum is bringing 14 high school youth from Bethlehem Church in Longmont, CO to Utah! The theme of their trip is "Are you my neighbor?" They will be staying at Zion July 23-25th. They wanted to know what life is like in Utah, and they also wanted to float in the Great Salt Lake, among all the other adventures they have planned. We will have a BBQ at a campsite at Antelope Island State Park. More details coming in July's Herald.

## Summer Sandwiches with Saints & Sinners

Every other Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Join us as we dine on sandwiches at Village Baker (1658 West 9000 South, West Jordan, UT 84088) and we will explore God's Word from a teenager's perspective. Bring money for dinner & invite a friend. (All 7th-12th graders are welcome.)

Dates: June 11, June 25, July 9, August 6 & August 20.

# 2019 High School Graduates



**High School:**  
Rowland Hall

**Future Plans:**  
Davidson  
College, NC

Atticus Hickman

Parents: Carolyn & Joshua  
Siblings: Augustus & Angus



**High School:**  
Highland

**Future Plans:**  
UC Santa  
Barbara

Andrew Furst

Parents: Ellen & Sheldon  
Sibling: Lauren



**High School:**  
Shady Side  
Academy,  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Future Plans:**  
University of  
Michigan,  
Engineering

Bradin Zaba

Parents: Ingrid & Brad  
Sibling: Markus



**High School:**  
Murray

**Future Plans:**  
Scripps College,  
CA

Jenna Nelson

Parents: Louise & Mark  
Sibling: Claire



**High School:**  
Hillcrest

**Future Plans:**  
U of U  
Atmospheric  
Science

Luke Reuschel

Parents: Angie & Scott  
Siblings: Alexis & Cody



**High School:**  
Highland

**Future Plans:**  
U of U  
Mechanical  
Engineering

Rex Graham

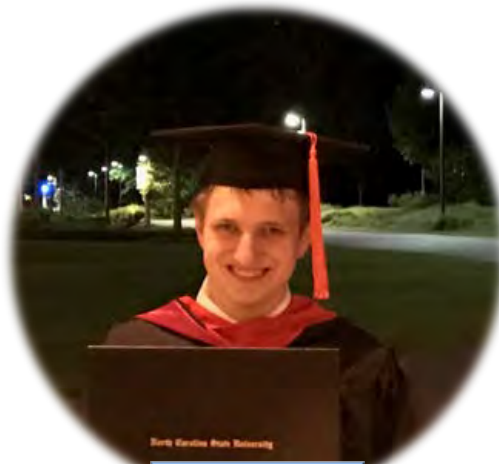
Parents: Holly & Doug  
Sibling: Brandt

**Please keep these young people in your prayers including their parents and siblings.**

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds,  
and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

# 2019 College Graduate

**College:**  
MS Chemical  
Engineering  
from NC State  
University



**Future Plans:**  
Heading to  
Beijing China  
to teach  
English for a  
year!

Matt Parker

Parent: Liz Prystas  
Sibling: Sam

# Love thy Neighbor

## Vacation Bible School Music Camp 2019

**August 5 - 9, 2019**

Monday - Thursday, 9 - 3 pm

Friday 9 - 1:30 pm

**Sunday, August 11**

Children Invited to  
sing during worship at Zion

### What is Orff-Schulwerk?

Orff combines singing, percussion instruments (xylophones, glockenspiels, drums, etc), movement, rhythmic speech, and improvisation to teach music in a joyful, child-friendly, and creative way.



### Kindergarten Half-Day Program

We are offering a half-day option for children who have completed Kindergarten. It will include music, Bible Study, games, and art.



### Join us for:

- Singing Skills and Games
- Orff Percussion Instruments
- Drumming
- Creative Movement
- Lap Dulcimer for 4th/6th graders
- Bible Study
- Prayer
- Healthy Snacks provided
- Instrument Demonstrations
- Art
- Outdoor games

### Details:

We welcome any interested children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grades. You do not need to be a member of Zion or our choirs. Some financial assistance is available.

The children will conclude the camp by singing during the 10:00 AM worship at Zion Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 11, 2019.

Please bring a sack lunch Mon-Friday. Snacks will be provided.

The fee covers the entire week.

Register before 7.8.19 -

\$20 per child-full day

\$10 per child-half day (K)

Register after 7.8.19 -

\$30 per child-full day

\$15 per child-half day (K)

Kindergarten children have an option of full day (\$20) or half day (\$10).

**Questions? Contact the church office at  
801.582.2321 or [office@zelc.org](mailto:office@zelc.org)**

Children coming to our nation for safety and protection are still dying at our southern border while in U.S. detention.

Carlos, a 16-year-old youth from Guatemala, died May 20 in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Wilmer, a 2-year-old, died May 14, also in the custody of CBP. They were preceded in death by Jackelin, Felipe, Juan and a 10-year-old girl from El Salvador who died in September 2018 but whose death has just been disclosed. One year ago, Claudia Patricia Gómez González, a 20-year-old woman from Guatemala, was shot in the head and killed by a Border Patrol agent while seeking safety in the United States.

I am deeply dismayed by the deaths of these children, made in the image of God, who came to our southern border as refugees and asylum seekers to ask us for protection. As a nation we denied them that safety, instead placing them in detention facilities, sometimes for months.

Our nation and its leaders have moral and legal obligations on behalf of those who seek safety in our land. As Congress considers federal funding for DHS, we advocate against further funds for immigration detention, deportation, and border militarization, and oppose intentional policy choices that harm children and families.

We follow a Lord who instructed, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs" (Matthew 19:14). As we continue to serve and love our neighbor, we pray for the well-being of children and families in detention, and we urge the presidential administration to seek alternatives to the detention of children.

In Christ,  
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
*Presiding Bishop, ELCA*

### Message from the Director

We just finished another fantastic school year! Zion has such an amazing out reach that touches so many families in our community. Thank you for supporting Let Me Shine for the past 17 years as we teach and share God's love! We continue to be a strong and highly sought after school in our community - what a blessing. Thank you for keeping Let Me Shine in your prayers as we hire and prepare for the coming year!

In His service,  
*Barb Ballif, Director*

### Let Me Shine is Hiring

Let Me Shine is now hiring Preschool Teachers for the 2019-2020 School Year. The school is looking for part-time workers for Fall 2019, seeking enthusiastic Christian teachers with early childhood experience to share God's love with children. Applicants must be energetic, self-motivated, and team players. Teachers must have an Early Childhood Associates or equivalent and experience in teaching, curriculum, and lesson planning. Send resumes to:

Attn: Barb Ballif, Director  
Let Me Shine Christian Preschool  
1070 South Foothill Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84108



## News from the Library

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. Remember to return your overdue library 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!

New books this month:

*Calm My Anxious Heart* by Linda Dillow

*Lutheran Cyclopedia* from Rev. John Gugel

*Bible Animals*

*Spark Story Bible*

*Awesome Real-Life Bible Devotions for kids*

*The Spike-tailed Dinosaur Stegosaurus* Written and illustrated by Michael Berenstain

*A Children's Book About Being Careless* by Joy Berry

*Sange for Danskere Songs of Denmark Songs to Live By, A Danish AMERICAN Heritage of Music*  
Compiled by Joy Ibsen Photographs by Sisse Brimberg - This book was gifted to Pr. Steve Klemz from Kathryn Duffy, Director of the Grand View University Choir

*The New Oxford Annotated Bible* from Robert C. Steensma

**Book Club!**  
**June 25 | 3 pm**  
**The Lounge**

## ELCA Social Statements — A Timely Resource on Abortion

*To say the least, it is increasingly difficult to talk about abortion in our nation and in our church. In 1991 the ELCA adopted a social statement on Abortion. I encourage you to read the statement, attending to the statement's "convictions of our faith." A description of social statements and the summary of the Abortion Social Statement follow. —Pastor Steve Klemz*

ELCA social statements are teaching and policy documents that provide broad frameworks to assist us in thinking about and discussing social issues in the context of faith and life. They are meant to help communities and individuals with moral formation, discernment and thoughtful engagement with current social issues as we participate in God's work in the world. Social statements also set policy for the ELCA and guide its advocacy and work as a publicly engaged church. They result from an extensive process of participation and deliberation and are adopted by a two-thirds vote of an ELCA churchwide assembly.

These statements are listed on the ELCA website: [elca.org](http://elca.org)

The summary of a timely resource on Abortion is available at: [tinyurl.com/y2ytovyh](http://tinyurl.com/y2ytovyh)



# Worship Volunteers

## Council Treasurer

If you enjoy working with numbers, are good at Quick Books and have 2-5 hours per month to give to Zion, we need you! A position is open for Treasurer on Zion's Church Council, with job duties including : oversight of expenditures and budget, signing checks, reconciling the budget for monthly for Council meetings, and participating as a member of Council. If interested please contact [marsha.gilford@gmail.com](mailto:marsha.gilford@gmail.com).

### Altar Guild

June 2: Marci Hall / Marsha Gilford  
June 9: Steve & Marie Newton/ Jan Heins  
June 16: Carrie Hinderaker / Melissa Livengood  
June 23: Ann Marie Mogren / Denny Gross  
June 30: Carrie Hinderaker / Holly Graham



### Counters

June 2: tbd / Jane Erdahl  
June 9: Sandra Kragthorpe / Paul Mogren  
June 16: Ann Marie Mogren / Ethel Olson  
June 23: Marci Hall / Andrew Benseler  
June 30: Diane Teece / Andrew Benseler

### Assisting Ministers

June 2: Lisa Mensinger  
June 9: Marsha Gilford  
June 16: Erin Basta  
June 23: Denny Gross  
June 30: Erin Basta



If you'd like to volunteer to be a greeter, an usher, or host coffee hour, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office.

### Semi-Annual Meeting - Save the Date

On June 2, Zion will host its semi-annual Congregation meeting following worship.

If you haven't already, please follow Zion on social media. There you'll find news from and about Zion, pictures from events, worship, the grounds, and more!

[Facebook.com/zionslc](https://www.facebook.com/zionslc)

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[Instagram.com/zclslc](https://www.instagram.com/zclslc)



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