

Connecting
through Grace
ZION
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CHURCH

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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.

THE HERALD

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR...

We knew our church needed a building addition. In 1998 one Sunday School classroom actually used part of a closet. The church and pastor's office were closeted together in the today's library. There was no place for post worship fellowship and refreshments. On the first Sunday of the month we did gather for "high coffee" in the Terrace Room. But, without an elevator, differently abled people were unable to attend. Our main entrance was barely visible, with partially hidden side entrances on the north and south.

We presented a plan. We would construct additional offices and fellowship space; install an elevator. Total cost? \$660,000. We thought we were good to go. But the plan failed, miserably. We were only able to garner \$250,000 in pledges. What happened?

We settled for what we needed, rather than prayerfully exploring God's vision for our mission and ministry. We claimed the same scripture used in today's welcoming statement: "In Christ, a New Creation." We dreamed dreams. How could our new building addition accommodate the specs for a preschool? When we explored how this could be a hospitable space, we included showers and laundry space in our plans. We wanted to be bold, proclaiming welcome with a large entrance space facing the east. Total cost? \$1,500,000. But we were caught up in God's vision. We responded generously and sacrificially pledged our support.

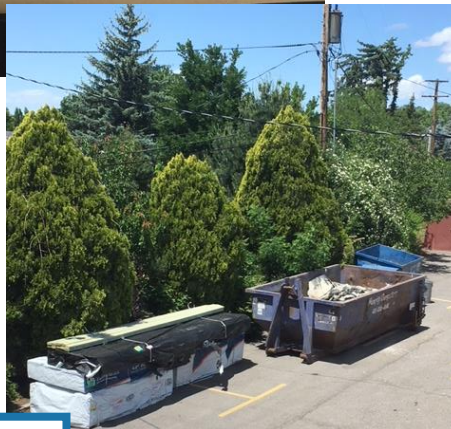
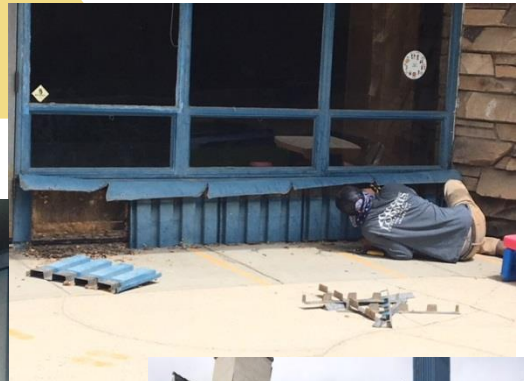
Here we are, twenty years later. Every Sunday we pray for the care of God's good creation, even as our R-1 insulation contributes to a larger carbon footprint. Furthermore, our campus has safety issues. I am confident that we can meet our financial challenge. We are good at supporting building improvements. But, can we be as good at building ministry? Rather than settling for what we need, I hope that we can explore what it means to be caught up in God's vision for Zion, being a people "connecting through grace." It's time to dream dreams. How can we grow in hospitality? How do we more fully engage in the grace of stewardship?

Thank you for praying and responding to ways that you can participate.

In and through Christ,
Pastor Steve Klemz

UPCOMING ZION EVENTS

CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN!



SOCIAL ACTION FORUM (SUN, JUNE 24)

Begins at 11:30 AM

Focus: Suicide Prevention; Taryn Aiken Hiatt, presenter. Taryn is the Leader of the UT-NV Region through American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. All are welcome.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM all summer through Sept. 2nd

SUMMER CAMPING (JUL 13-15)

Zion Camping Weekend - Zion's annual camping weekend this year will be to the Avintaquin Campground in Ashley National Forest, North of Castle Gate (toward Duchesne) about 2 hours from SLC. We have the group site.

See you there, 7/13 - 7/15!
Questions can be directed to Jon Hall,
jhj87@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Circle of Our Lives Preschool (COOL)

Preschool is always a win for the children involved. We are excited this fall to have a win, win situation at The Ridge Senior Living Center where senior friends can mentor and assist. COOL Circle of our Lives Preschool is running a Monday/Wednesday preschool program September through May. Classic stories, songs, games and art will develop lifetime values and language skills. Visit our website for more info www.thecoolpreschool.org or call 385-275-6203

Quilters w/o Borders

Summer is upon us and so is our next meeting! We will meet on Thursday, June 7th at the Foothill 6th Ward on the corner of 2200 E and Roosevelt Ave. 7:00 pm as usual.

Looking forward to seeing you,

*Quilters Without Borders
With love and a prayer*

Family Promise

To donate furniture to Family Promise, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4da4ae2ba7ff2-furniture>

From the Pride Worship on May 31st



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HERE WE GO!

City Permits have been issued and construction is underway. Our contractor has scheduled the completion of the lower level and sanctuary work by August 5th, before VBS begins.

The contractor will offer weekly reports which we will post on the website and wall monitor at church.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Christ's healing presence with Dianne Krehbiel, Rodney Schroeder, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Ron Finner, Stephen Anderson, Terri Finner. For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry.

MISSION MOMENT

As a church, we respond with care and compassion when people are facing a crisis in life, a personal or family need or are at their most vulnerable. We do this work together as part of a large network of partners, organizations and denominations. The ELCA and nearly 300 health and human service organizations participate in an alliance known as [Lutheran Services in America](#), which serves more than 6 million people each year in the United States and the Caribbean. That's one in 50 Americans every year. In the Rocky Mountain Synod, our support goes to several social ministry organizations (SMOs) that serve people in our territory, including: Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains, Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center, and Urban Servant Corps.

Serving our neighbor as public church also happens when disaster strikes. Through [Lutheran Disaster Response](#), we are equipped to bring God's hope and healing to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Members of Rocky Mountain Synod congregations have been especially generous in supporting our neighbors impacted by the destructive 2017 hurricane season.



LIBRARY CORNER

The following books have been added to the **Children's section**: *"Little Bible Heroes – Creation"* by Victoria Kovacs, *"Curious George Flies a Kite"* by Margaret Rey, *"Lessons from Amazing People of the Bible"* by Christopher D. Hudson, *"My Very First Critter Counting Book"* by Robyn Brodie, *"Pups of the Spirit"* by Jill Gorey & Nancy Haller. The following books have been added to the adult section: *"So What's the Difference? A Biblical Comparison of Christianity with Major Religions and Cults"* by Jack Durkee, David Harvey, Rev. H. S. Vigeveno, Georgiana Walker, *"The Search for the Twelve Apostles"* by William Stevart McBirnie, Ph.D., *"The Crusades"* by Christopher Tyerman, *"Convictions, How I Learned What Matters Most"* by Marcus J. Borg.

The Library Guild will meet on **Tuesday, June 5th at 10:30 am** in the library and will not work during the month of July. 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN UPDATE

We're nearing the halfway point in the Zimmer Organ Improvement Project, authorized in late 2014. As a very brief review, the Organ Expansion project officially "broke ground" Feb. 15, 2017 when Bigelow & Co. (in this case David Chamberlin himself) began installing electrical contacts to the 61 keys of the lower manual (keyboard). Subsequently, the Bigelow team installed 61 "pull-down magnets" under the "Chor" chest. These contacts and electro-magnets are the two ends of the system that will enable electric coupling and octave coupling of one section of the organ to the other two existing ones. Between those two ends goes a computerized relay, to translate signals from keys and stops into power to those magnets and later to all the planned additional pipes (Phases Two through Five).

Your generous contributions have kept pace with the installation work. The initial deposit and Phase 1 work has been invoiced and paid and we have funds in hand for Phase 2, which is underway. You will notice that the organ pipes and other components have been draped to protect them from construction dust from Zion's building upgrade project, just beginning. The May Herald included a summary of work the Bigelow Organ Co. has been doing offsite for the Phase 2 installation work.

David is away installing another organ, but do watch for information about a short informative meeting after church in the coming weeks, where David will be able to demonstrate the benefits realized in Phase One. He has been enjoying these, and would like to point them out so you can appreciate them, too!

We are continuing fundraising efforts for the remaining phases, totaling \$90,000, so please consider donations as we move toward completion. Again, a big thank you to those of you who have made one-time gifts and especially to those of you who have been supporting the project with ongoing donations.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Just as Flat Stanley has helped children with literacy and geography, Flat Jesus helps children stay plugged into their faith throughout the summer months - giving families a unique opportunity to continually engage in their faith development all summer long!

Pick up a 'Flat Jesus' in the Narthex on Sunday and have your child(ren) take him along on vacation, to the pool, and all the other summer activities you have planned. When we gather again in the fall, we can all place a marker on a map showing the places Flat Jesus has traveled.

LET ME SHINE PRESCHOOL

WE DID IT!

Because of your great generosity and commitment to Let Me Shine and Zion, our 2018 Spring Appeal has been a rollicking success. The new outdoor learning centers will be an outstanding addition to the LMS program, Zion's Sunday school program, and VBS! The kids are just going to love the new things.

Thanks to you we have achieved our matching fund goal, so with that \$1,300.00, the grand total is \$8,185.00.

WOW! Thanks to everyone! Stay tuned for another great Let Me Shine year and have a great summer.

Paul Mogren, LMS Board Chair

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

HOUSTON, HERE WE COME!

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering: June 27 – July 1, 2018

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

NEXT PLANNING MEETINGS

Sunday, June 3 from 5 – 7 pm @ Zion!

This is our final preparation meeting before our trip. It is a great time to get to know your peers. Family are welcome to stay. Games & Plans.

Please RSVP by 6/2 to Lisa

Summer Plans

We will be having a few events this July for youth. Please let Lisa know what type of activities you are interested in :

- ☐ Painting with a Twist
- ☐ Tubing
- ☐ Indoor Rock Climbing
- ☐ Overnight Hiking
- ☐ Ax Throwing Competition
- ☐ Pickle Ball Tournament
- ☐ Pool Party
- ☐ Miniature Golf
- ☐ Movies on Tuesdays (July 10, 17, 24, 31)
- ☐ Other _____

Text or Email Lisa by **June 15th** with your top 2 choices.

VBS – Music Camp

Aug. 6 -10

VBS is always fun at Zion. Please consider being a Jr. Counselor or helping out during this fun filled week.

We will explore how wonderful Psalms can be. Planning meeting dates will be coming soon.

SS Teacher Appreciation Brunch



COUNCIL CORNER

CONNECTING THROUGH GRACE: *Financial Stewardship towards our Mission & Ministries*

For April & May 2018, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time contributions amounted to \$55,245, while contributions for our Capital Campaigns for Organ Fund totaled \$550 and the Building Fund totaled \$260.

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Leslie Miller
Church Council Treasurer

2018 Year To Date Totals	
Envelopes/Loose Offerings	\$142,304
Year-to-Date Goal	\$205,295
Difference	-\$62,991
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS	
Organ Fund (Total collected)	\$108,975
Total Campaign Goal	\$220,000
Difference	-\$111,025
Building Fund (Total collected)	\$6,150
2018 Campaign Goal	\$30,000
Difference	-\$23,850

ZELC SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, June 3rd immediately following the 10:00 AM worship. Please bring an appetizer to share. We will meet in the sanctuary.

Among other items on the agenda, we will receive a building construction update; listen to Brian Mensinger report on the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly, and take nominations from the floor for open council seats. Please plan to attend.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	10:00am Assisting Ministers	Ushers	Altar Guild	10:00am Greeters	Counters	Refreshments
June 3	Denny Gross	volunteers needed!	Ann Marie Denny	Please volunteer	Ann Marie Andrew	Cong. Mtg.
June 10	Supiano's	volunteers needed!	Carrie Marsha	Please volunteer	Sandra Paul	Volunteer
June 17	Supiano's	volunteers needed!	Steve/Marie Holly	Please volunteer	Angie Ethel	Volunteer
June 24	Lisa Mensinger	volunteers needed!	Ann Marie Holly	Please volunteer	? Andrew	Volunteer

JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9 AM Yoga-based exercise group	2
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