



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...

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of children.

Thank you for the holy surprise we receive through their witness: "Jesus cured ten leprechauns!" Of course, we shouldn't be surprised--- this is the way that Jesus said it would be: when attending to the little ones, it is Jesus who we serve.

It is Jesus, whose special love for children calls them to sit close, that he might hug and love them. Jesus never once scolded them, saying: "Grow up."

But to the adults he places a child in our midst, reminding us --- unless we have that little one's faith we cannot see God's gentle rule among us.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of children and the ministry we share in this community of faith. Thank you for notes to the pastor, Sunday School, children's sermons, Let Me Shine Preschool, VBS Music Camp, for the holy hub-bub sounding from back pews, Joyful NOIZ, children's choir, Palm Sunday worship, pictures and posters of faith and hope.

And, one thing more, Lord.

Let our thankfulness be thoughtfulness for children wounded in this world and by this world.

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UPCOMING ZION EVENTS

SWITCH TO ONE WORSHIP

On Sunday, May 27th, we will switch to a 10:00 AM worship for the summer months. Please note this on your calendars!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Currently at 8:15am or 10:30am
Education hour: 9:15am

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR....

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Bless our partnership in mission: Coalition of Religious Communities, CORC - "Ending Child Homelessness", Volunteers of America - Youth Resource Center, and Maud's Cafe, "ending homelessness on cup at a time" www.maudscafe.com. Hospitality shared and received in the Ronald McDonald Room, Primary Children's Hospital, AMPARRO with ELCA - protecting migrant children, Witness shared by Lacy Foulks, *Not My Daughter: Berkley's life with PANDAS*.



In the name of Jesus, who loves all God's children,
Pastor Steve

Artwork by Berkley Foulks and Sydney Foster

SOCIAL ACTION FORUM (SUN, MAY 20)

Topic: Fact Checking
Next gathering scheduled for Sunday, May 20th at Noon downstairs. Fred Strohacker & Ken Whitaker from ProTruthPledge will present on this topic.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER BRUNCH

On Sunday, May 20th at 9:15 AM, we will thank our volunteer Sunday school teachers for sharing God's love with all the children & adults of ZELC! Plan to attend and say a special 'thank you' to those incredible volunteers.

The brunch will be held downstairs in the terrace room during the normal Sunday school hour.

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, jhjh87@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

German/American Society of Utah

A Spring Concert, Saturday, May 12th at 7:30 PM at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Performed by the German Chorus Harmonie with special guests, Rick Schwemmer and Genevieve Christianson

Admission: \$7.00 for adults
\$4.00 for members & students

PRIDE SERVICE

Zion will be the first Lutheran Church to host the annual PRIDE service on at 7:00 on Thursday, May 31. All are welcome! "Get Salty" is the service theme. The interfaith worship launches Pride Week festivities in Salt Lake City.

This year's service will integrate the lament of those who have completed suicide and celebration with songs and messages of hope.

This multi-faith service celebrates the diversity of faith communities who affirm the LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Questioning, and Allied) movement. The foundation for Pride Week began with the Stonewall riots of June, 1969, when police raided the Stonewall Inn, known as a LGBT venue. Since then the celebrations have advocated lesbian and gay rights, moving toward marriage equality, and acceptance of the LGBTQA community.

All are welcome! And, especially to Zion members, greeters are welcomed and needed.



DISCUSSIONS, STUDIES, & SMALL GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR STEVE

This study takes place on Sundays in the Atrium, 9:15-10:15 AM. On May 6 & 13, Lisa Mensinger will lead a combined study with the Lectionary Study on the Articles of the Augsburg Confession. All are welcome; meeting in the lounge.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

PUB THEOLOGY

No meeting scheduled in May. Look for future meeting dates in the coming months.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEMO-DAY at ZELC

Construction is set to begin with demolition on June 5th. 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. For Juan de Dios Lopez and Lisa Mensinger in their call to ordained ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR(S)

Do you (and a friend) feel called to nurture what God is already doing among the children at Zion? Are you a P.E.O.P.L.E. person? Take this simple quiz and find out.

Do you enjoy PLANNING to get people together for a common purpose?	YES	MAYBE	NO
Are you resourceful in EQUIPPING teachers to share Gods Word with young children?	YES	MAYBE	NO
Can you ORGANIZE special events for Sunday School?	YES	MAYBE	NO
Are you able to PROVIDE monthly Sunday School newsletter announcements?	YES	MAYBE	NO
Are you able to LEAD by sharing your passion and vision?	YES	MAYBE	NO
Is it easy for you to ENCOURAGE people by supporting them?	YES	MAYBE	NO

If you circled one or more YES or MAYBE responses, then talk to a friend and see if s/he would like to be co-Sunday School Director with you. Please send email or talk to Lisa Mensinger or Pastor Steve.

LIBRARY CORNER

Thanks for all who have donated books recently to the library! 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGAN UPDATE

David and the Bigelow Organ Co. have been busy working on Phase 2 of the organ renovation project. So far four of six ranks of pipes have been acquired and preliminary design work (layout) has been done for the new windchest and swell box (enclosure) to be added behind the existing organ case at the second story level. Still to be done includes (among other items):

- Finalize chest designs and order chests.
- Design, acquire parts for, and build new stop rail; install and wire.
- Design and build swell box and support structure (volunteer labor to assist with the latter), including some remodeling of the back of the existing organ case.
- Install chests and connect wind and electrical.
- Acquire two more ranks of pipes.
- Miscellaneous work on pipes currently in hand and forthcoming.

Phase Two is certainly the biggest "piece" in terms of added physical space and numbers of added pipes. It includes visible additions to the console - 60+ stop controls, up from the present 23. So taking a peek at the Console and at the back of the organ, you will certainly see things have changed!

There are five phases to the project in total. David will be working with Brent Menlove and the building contractors to coordinate space needed for the organ project with work that will be done to insulate the south exterior wall behind the organ.

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 this project as well, so please consider donations as we move toward completion. 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

Zion Sunday School is very blessed to have great teachers, students, and families participating. We ask for your continued prayers for all. Please know that all children are welcome to attend Sunday school anytime. Our Sunday school children are a casual and fun group that is very welcoming to all. So, if you have or know of children please invite them to come.

Dates to note are:

May 13 - Cherub Choir singing for the 10:30 worship

May 20 - Pentecost Sunday; Youth & Children's choirs singing, along with Joyful NOIZ at 10:30 worship.

May 20 - Sunday school Teacher Appreciation Brunch

LET ME SHINE PRESCHOOL

It's hard to believe that summer break is almost here. It's been an amazing year with our outstanding staff and 110 wonderful children - 38 of whom are graduating! 😊 I love spending time with all the children and watching them grow. I smile as I hear the stories they share about their school day and see how much they've changed over the past nine months.

Thank you for supporting Let Me Shine with your prayers over this past year. We are always planning ahead and looking for ways to continue serving our school community. Please watch for a letter arriving soon - detailing how you can continue to support Zion's children ministries!

As always, my door is open. I invite you all to share your thoughts, concerns and affirmations with me. **Thank you for an incredible year and for being part of the Let Me Shine family.** Have a safe and enjoyable summer. God's Peace, **Barb Ballif**, Director

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

GRADUATES

At the 10:30 am worship on May 20, 2018 we will be blessing our graduates from high school and college. This is a time to celebrate this milestone in the lives of the students and their families – New Beginnings and simultaneously bittersweet endings.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Eric Hall, Ethan White, Gwenn Trapp, Kathryn Mayer, Lauren Swidnicki, Max Scaife, Olivia Trapp and Ryan Trapp.

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Cody Reuschel, Courtney Brandon, Emily Hackworth, Emma Metos and Lloyd Livengood.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

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, Kyleigh, Bob, Steve H. Carla & Lisa.

NEXT PLANNING MEETINGS

This will be our final preparation. Pool Party sometime between June 3-8. Details coming.

NEW DRIVERS

We have new drivers on the road
(or soon to be):
Thomas Wenzel & Margaret Mayer

REFUGEE CULTURAL NIGHT

Youth from Zion, Elim and Our Saviours who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering attended the Refugee Cultural Night sponsored by the Granite School District last month.

People from Burma shared their experience of escaping the religious persecution in their country. They are survivors of violence who wanted to stay in their country but were being pushed out.

They shared how welcoming the people of Utah have been in helping them adjust to new foods and customs.



COUNCIL CORNER

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

For the first quarter of 2018, Zion's weekly envelopes and loose offerings, including one-time contributions amounted to \$87,059, while contributions for our Capital Campaigns for Organ Fund totaled \$1,425 and the Building Fund totaled \$5,890.

We praise God for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,
Leslie Miller
Council Treasurer

January-September 2017 Totals

Envelopes/Loose Offerings	\$87,059
Year-to-Date Goal	\$127,088
Difference	-\$40,029
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS	
Organ Fund (Total collected)	\$108,425
Total Campaign Goal	\$220,000
Difference	-111,575
Building Fund (Total collected)	\$5,890
2018 Campaign Goal	\$30,000
Difference	-\$24,110

ZELC SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting was held on Sunday, April 22nd. A seconded motion from church council was presented to the congregation to increase the loan amount by \$70,000 for the anticipated total construction budget of \$325,000. Questions were invited and member Mike Cena asked for 'call to question' and an immediate vote was taken.

The motion passed with one member voting against the motion.

The meeting adjourned at Noon.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	10:30am Assisting Ministers	Ushers	Altar Guild	10:30am Greeters	Counters	Refreshments
May 6	Erin Basta	volunteers needed!	Ann Marie Marsha	Please volunteer	Marci Paul	Volunteer
May 13	Erin Basta	volunteers needed!	Marci Bruce / Lois	Please volunteer	Bob Erin	Volunteer
May 20	Denny Gross	volunteers needed!	Carrie Melissa	Please volunteer	Jane Ann Marie	Teacher Brunch
May 27	10:00 AM	volunteers needed!	Steve / Marie Bruce / Lois	Please volunteer	Paula Diane	Volunteer

MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9 Staff Mtg 10:30 Library 6:30-9 G/A Chorus	2 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 11:40 LMS Chapel	3 6:30-8:30 Meditation Group	4 9 Yoga-based exercise Church Offices Closed RMS Assembly, Westminster Colorado 6:30-9 G/A Movie Night	5
6 8:15 Worship 9:15 Education Hr 10:30 Worship	7 9 Yoga-based exercise 6:30-8:30 Girl Scouts Mtg	8 9 Staff Mtg 10:30 Library 11:40 LMS Chapel 6:15 Council Mtg 6:30-9 G/A Chorus 7 Compassionate Friends Mtg	9 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 4:15 Miss Anne's Girl Scout Mtg 7 Pub Theology @ Desert Edge Brewery	10 4:30 Worship Planning Mtg 6:30-8:30 Meditation Group	11 9 Yoga-based exercise 6-9 Dress rehearsal G/A Chorus	12 11 AM MEMORIAL SERVICE for Dorothy Nielsen with luncheon 7:30 pm German / American Chorus Spring Concert
13 8:15 Worship 9:15 Education Hr 10:30 Worship	14 9 Yoga-based exercise	15 9 Staff Mtg 10:30 Library 6:30-9 G/A Chorus	16 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 11:40 LMS Chapel	17 6 PM LMS Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30-8:30 Meditation Group	18 9 Yoga-based exercise OFFICES CLOSED	19 1-3:30 Sanctuary in Use
20 8:15 Worship 9:15 SS Teacher Brunch 10:30 Worship, ZY Jam Noon-Action Forum	21 9 Yoga-based exercise 6:30-8:30 Girl Scouts Mtg	22 9 Staff Mtg 10:30 Library 11:40 LMS Chapel 3 Book Club 6:30-9 G/A Chorus	23 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise 11 LMS Graduation	24 6:30-8:30 Meditation Group	25 9 Yoga-based exercise Last day of preschool	26
27 SWITCH TO ONE WORSHIP 10:00 Worship	28 MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED 9 Yoga-based exercise	29 10:30 Library Pride Choir Rehearsal	30 7 Men's Bible Study 9 Yoga-based exercise LMS Staff Workshop	31 7 Pride Ecumenical Service		