



## Newsletter for March/April 2018



On February 4, we had our Congregational Meeting. The items to be discussed were given out the week before so that members could read them over before the meeting. The budget for 2018 was presented by our treasurer Tom Rasmussen. It was discussed and approved. Norm Randolph also presented the Endowment Committee report.

It was time to create the Nominating Committee; Tom Rasmussen and Dianne Hooton were selected by the church council. The other four members were selected from the congregation: Bill Crawford, Stephanie Hensley, John Pulver, and Tom Turnrose. The election will be held in May during with the next congregational meeting, please be sure to come.

We discussed becoming involved in the Family Promise program that will begin in 2019. This will allow us to work with other churches to help homeless families. After a lively discussion, it was accepted by the congregation.

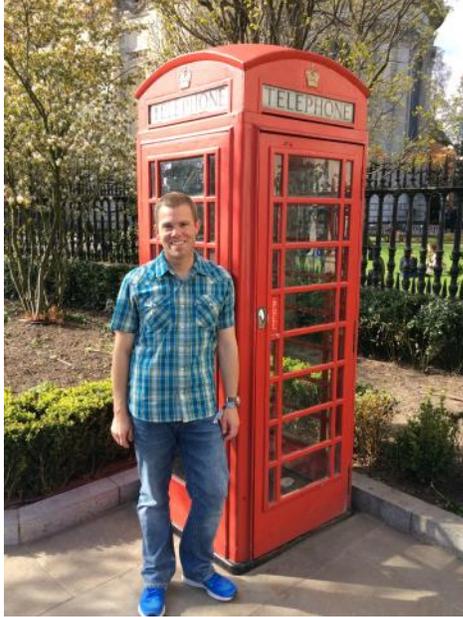
### Family Promise:

Family Promise is a national organization whose mission is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence. Family Promise has chapters across the country. Local churches in the area are organizing to start a chapter in San Joaquin County, and hope to become active in January 2019.

The congregation was asked to vote on making a one-year commitment to house and feed families (up to 14 people) for 4 one-week periods over the course of that one year. We will request help from other congregations willing to help with food and fellowship but that lacking the space to house the families.

Please check our church's web site [www.zlcstockton.org](http://www.zlcstockton.org).

## Pastor Ryan Eikenbary



Grace and peace to you all,

I hope this letter finds you filled with hope in the midst of your Lenten journey, as we all travel with Jesus to his cross and resurrection. The journey of Lent is one that calls us each year to a special time of reflection, confession, and forgiveness. I hope and encourage you to find ways of engaging with these practices, perhaps in new ways, as we seek to be Christ for all those God places in the path that is our lives.

I also want to encourage you to make the Wednesday night Lenten soup suppers and Taize worship a part of your Lenten season. We have had a great turn out thus far, and we hope to see those who have not had a chance to experience the community of dinner and worship to come and join.

On Sunday mornings, we are continuing our study through the book of Genesis and will shift sometime around Easter to a study I am calling: Christ, Creeds, and Colosseum. We will look at major themes and developments in Christianity from its origins in the New Testament documents through the fall of the Roman Empire. Topics will include the development of worship, doctrine, major heresies, Church and State, and the formation of the canon of the Bible. The goal of the course is to grow in our understanding of the early church and also to see the effect of these themes in our present 21<sup>st</sup> century American church context. If you have not yet participated in our adult education and formation time, perhaps this is the time to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Fireside Room.

Blessing to you as you continue to follow Jesus to the cross. May you hold fast to God's promises and remember that our God is close to us – he is our help and our salvation.

*“But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion!” (Psalm 22:19-21)*

Peace,  
Pastor Ryan

## Music Director

We in the music industry here at Zion Lutheran wish to thank all who helped to make the Zion Chamber Festival held here recently a success. With three sublime concerts, the gift of music and artistry to the community was a real treat for all. As Zion Chamber Maestro Paul Kimball stated before the second concert:



“Amazing rehearsal tonight with the Zion Pops Choir! Mana Shooshtari, Rachel Foley, Joyce Caverro, Alyssa Caverro, Renee Caffese, Romy Evans, Kevin Ringsby and about 25 more singers!!! West Side Story, Oklahoma, Candide! Romy Evans singing Glitter and Be Gay will knock your socks off!!!”

Have any of you wanted to sing in a choir, or do you have “choir experience”? Did you know that you can participate not just year ‘round but simply join us for a special season or performance such as Easter?

Well then, come on down! The Zion Lutheran choir practices on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. (during Lent at 7:15 p.m.) and on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. before adult education class. You don’t have to be able to read music. Just be open to learning more about music and have the ability to carry a tune. Soon we’ll be practicing our music for Easter which will include the Hallelujah chorus. Feel free to join us!

Lastly, on Sunday, March 19, a week before Palm Sunday, there will be a special prelude of “English Suite 7” which will be performed on the organ before the church service. I originally wrote it for the harpsichord when I attended UCLA, and it will be the first performance of this piece in its entirety in Northern California. Hope to see you all here then.

Blessings and love to you all.  
Rhondda

(Pictured here are the vocalists from the wonderful concert featuring music by Leonard Bernstein.)



## Solar Panels

A member of the council was asked if installing solar panels on the roof of the church has been considered to lower our PG&E bill. A few months ago the council discussed this possibility. It is best to put panels on a new roof because of the expense to remove them and possible damage to the panels if the building is later re-roofed. The roof on the church is about 25 years old. Its condition is too good to need to be replaced, but the council feels it is too old to install solar panels on it.

Dianne Hooton  
Council Secretary

# Fellowship

Begin your Easter celebration joining Zion's Easter morning breakfast @ 8:30

Menu; savory and sweet muffins, strawberries, orange juice, coffee and tea

Invite your family and friends for this celebration throughout the morning, ending with a **CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER WORSHIP!!!!**

This year we will provide the Easter baskets to help with their hunt.

Thank you to all who have offered to provide the delicious soups and bread for our Soup Suppers on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

Mark your calendars for more celebrations and fellowship dates to come:

May 12 Sister's in Christ Tea Party at 2:00

May 20 Pentecost brunch after worship



## *For the Sake of Art*



We have lots of fun stuff planned in the coming months for the Art Outreach Program here at Zion Lutheran Church.

Plans are in the works to have a guest instructor from the Stockton Photography Club come in to teach one or more photography classes. The date for the first class will be April 7<sup>th</sup> (our April adult class) at 10:00 a.m. We will have a couple of loaner cameras available if needed, but everyone is asked to bring your own (digit or traditional).

We are also planning a 'Paint 'n Sip' fund-raiser for late April with guest instructor Kelsey Cardoni. Details about this event will be posted on the announcement slides before services on Sunday morning as well as the church's web site [www.zlcstockton.org](http://www.zlcstockton.org) when we get everything finalized.

And our Student Art Show returns on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> after service in the Fire Side room. We encourage everyone to use this great opportunity to see some of the work that the students have done this year.

Until next time, I hope everyone has a blessed day.

Christopher De Roos  
FTSOA

## Voices of Zion interview with Stephanie Hensley

### When did you first come to Zion?

I started coming to Zion in April 2015. I had been feeling like God was calling me back to church. My step-mom is Lutheran so before I moved to Stockton I went to her church for a while in Sunnyvale even though I was raised Roman Catholic. When I was looking for a church in Stockton I just happened to try Zion as the first Lutheran church in town and I loved it.

### What do you do or did you do if you're retired?

I am an administrative professional for a company that operates behavioral day programs for adults with developmental, intellectual, and mental disabilities.

### Do you have a favorite Hymn or Bible story?

Now we Remain which is #500 in the red hymnal.

### What has kept you coming to Zion?

The congregation. How friendly and open minded a lot of the people are, which I never found at a Roman Catholic church. Me being open minded about a lot of things, it resonated with me. One of the reasons I stopped going to church for a while is because of their views on LGBT people. I felt that I could not be in a place that was so against other people.

### How are you involved at Zion?

The first thing I did was join choir. I organized Explorers Club for about a year. Currently I am working on Building and Grounds.

### Do you have a favorite story/memory during your time at Zion?

Earlier this year I was coming up to take communion and Pastor Ryan handed me the piece of communion bread. I don't even know what I did but somehow the bread flew out of my hand, up in the air, and hit pastor and landed back in the communion plate. I ended up with the same piece of bread to dip in the wine!

### How did you pick the pew you sit in each week?

From my days in school I realized the closer I sit to the front, the easier I can focus. So I applied that in church. Sitting up front helps me to be in the present.

### What would you say to a new visitor coming to Zion for the first time?

I would tell them they're going to love it. The congregation is so welcoming and friendly, its hard to be an outcast in this congregation. As a visitor I remember being bombarded with new people greeting and talking to me. I think new visitors would enjoy the welcome they receive.

Burke Wallace

## Serving March and April

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#### **March 4**

Assisting Minister	Phil Spohn
Communion Assistant	Esther Reusche
Usher	Elaine Werner
Usher	Bill Werner

#### **March 11**

Assisting Minister	Tom Rasmussen
Communion Assistant	Jane Rasmussen
Usher	Norm Randolph
Usher	Bob Carr

#### **March 18**

Assisting Minister	Gesine Gerhard
Communion Assistant	Joyce Morken
Usher	Shirley Montgomery
Usher	LaVerne Gondry

#### **March 25 Palm Sunday**

Assisting Minister	Dan Terry
Communion Assistant	Nancy Turnrose
Usher	Bob Carr
Usher	Tom Turnrose

#### **March 29 Maundy Thursday**

Assisting Minister	Greg Rohlf
Communion Assistant	Joyce Morken
Usher	Burke Wallace
Usher	Charlie Leberman

#### **March 30 Good Friday**

Assisting Minister	Dianne Hooton
Usher	Jerry Hooton

#### **April 1 Easter Sunday**

Assisting Minister	Lynne Terry
Communion Assistant	Cynthia Guest
Usher	Pete Lepisto
Usher	Gary McKnight

#### **April 8**

Assisting Minister	Deborah Griffin
Communion Assistant	Judi Renberg
Usher	John Pulver
Usher	Dee Pulver

#### **April 15**

Assisting Minister	Dianne Hooton
Communion Assistant	Joyce Morken
Usher	Jerry Hooton
Usher	Norm Randolph

#### **April 22**

Assisting Minister	Phil Spohn
Communion Assistant	Sharyn Carr
Usher	Bob Carr
Usher	Burke Wallace

#### **April 29**

Assisting Minister	Bill Crawford
Communion Assistant	Connie Crawford
Usher	Bill Werner
Usher	Elaine Werner



3/1 Chance Brooks  
3/4 Chuck Beck  
3/7 Steve Steele  
3/16 Sharyn Carr  
3/16 Judi Renberg  
3/19 Robert Carr, Jr.  
3/24 Eitha Williams  
3/29 Jeffrey Carr  
4/1 Norma Maigaard  
4/3 Justin Hensley  
4/5 Bev Schoerder  
4/6 Evie McCarty  
4/8 Deann Christianson  
4/10 Robert Carr  
4/14 Casey Steele  
4/15 Thomas Turnrose  
4/16 Susan Barry  
4/16 Jason Carr  
4/19 Elaine Werner  
4/24 Marcy Beck  
4/24 Chris DeRoos  
4/28 Marcy Beckwith  
4/29 Salme Kopperoinen

*Happy Anniversary*

4/5 Lee & Deann Christianson  
4/7 Rudy & Margaret Guzman  
4/20 Chris & Brenda DeRoos

### Ministries of Zion Leaders

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dee Pulver
<b>Celebrate Ministry</b>	Lani Leberman
<b>Prime Timers</b>	Tom Rasmussen
<b>Esther Circle</b>	Joyce Morken
<b>Communications</b>	Chris DeRoos
<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	Vaness Kuhlmann
<b>Men's Fellowship</b>	John Pulver
<b>We Care</b>	LaVerne Gondry
<b>Prayer Group</b>	Ana Landa
<b>Grief Ministry</b>	Nancy Turnrose
<b>For the Sake of Art</b>	Chris DeRoos
<b>Choir</b>	Rhondda Nunes

# Ministry Minutes

## LENTEN CROSSES

Thank you to everyone who brought a cross to share on our Lenten Wall in the narthex. As you come into or out of church, take a moment to look at the collection. Many of the crosses have a special story behind them, and perhaps the person who brought it will share that story with you.

## FLOWER CROSS ON EASTER SUNDAY

As in years past, we will again be enjoying a fresh floral cross on Easter Sunday. Members and visitors are invited to bring flowers from their gardens to place on the cross. With each addition, we end up with a beautiful display. Watch in your garden to see what you might like to share.

Lynne Terry



### Easter Lily Order Form

If you would like to share a Easter Lily plant with the congregation for the Easter season, you may do so by filling out the form below and placing it in the offering plate during Sunday worship service or by dropping it off at the church office.

To cover the cost of purchasing each plant you order, the suggested donation is \$10.00. Your donation may be paid by cash or check. Please place your donation in an offering envelope and, mark the outside of the envelope "Easter Lily".

The plant may be given in memory of your deceased loved ones or in honor of someone living. You may pick up your plant at the Easter worship service.

**DEADLINE: Sunday, March 25, 2018**

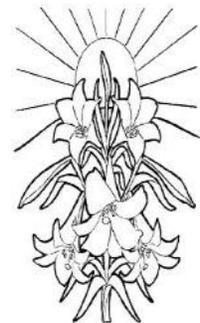
—————Easter Lily Order Form—————

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Honoring \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00      Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



# *Friends of the Armed Forces*

## FRIENDS OF THE ARMED FORCES

We are happy to report that Danielle, Rafael, Jed and Matthew D. have all returned to their duty bases. THANK YOU for supporting them and our ministry during their deployments.

We are now aware of two teams deploying. One team will be deploying in March to a forward operating base in an undisclosed location. The other team, including Pedro Landa, will be heading to the Middle East in mid-spring. If you know anyone who is deployed (not just stationed overseas), please let Jodi know.

There have been some specific requests for items that will be needed for these deployments. These items are:

- Laundry soap pods
- Flushable personal wipes
- Sanitizing wipes (Lysol, Clorox, etc.)
- Bar soap or body wash/shower gel
- Sunscreen lotion

Any donations may be placed in the wicker basket in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support!

In His service,  
Jodi

### Message from Vaness

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank the congregation for the care and consideration shown to us. The memorial service conducted for Michael was very nice and we appreciated everyone's attendance, since many of you did not know him. Vaness Kuhlmann

# Calendar March 2018

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# Calendar April 2018

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## March/April

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