

Newsletter for May/June 2018



Easter Sunday at Zion, The Banjo group played for the brunch and following worship a Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

Message from our Council President

I am happy to report the services for Lent were excellent. Those who attended the Wednesday evening services were aware how well they were presented and prepared. Easter was attended with more than 100 people. it is always nice to have a large attendance. Let's do what we can to continue having more people worship with us. Hope to see everyone at the May 6 service and the Congregational meeting. Vaness Kuhlmann



Grace and peace to you all,

What a wonderful Easter season we have had this year. I hope you will be with us as we celebrate Pentecost and Confirmation with our brothers and sisters from St. Anne's on May 20th. It will be an exciting day in which we will be joined by Bishop Mark!

This summer we will again be having the summer theology book club. Participants will read a book and we will come together for a discussion on a Sunday afternoon. The focus of this summer's books will be on the spiritual changes that are occurring in America and how they are impacting church attendance and our understanding of what church is and how it should be done. In June, we will read *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McLaren and in August we will read *Searching for Sundays* by Rachel Held Evans. The dates for the discussion are in the weekly bulletin handout and the books are available in the church office.

Blessing to you all as we enter into the summer months. May God grant us all safety and joy as we travel and enjoy another season of life.

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies. (Psalm 18:2-3)

Peace, Pastor Ryan

Zion at the 2018 Earth Festival

Special thanks to:

Larry Cox & "Brandy"

Leon Eikenbary-Wallace

Pastor Ryan Eikenbary

Rhonnda Nunes & "Baby"

Tom Turnrose, Chairperson, Mission & Outreach

Amy Spohn & Carl

Doreen & Ron Spohn

Burke Wallace

and, especially Tom Rasmussen & Nancy Turnrose





Music Director Rhondda Nunes

Well, it's been a very busy Easter season at Zion Lutheran, as we're going to print here we have a Cello recital happening with Erik Urbina; and plans for a special joint service with St. Ann's for Pentecost, May 20th with a joint choir collaboration with my musical comrade at St. Annes, Kimberly-Willis Watts. We will also be having confirmation that day with both Lutheran and Episcopal Bishops presiding so that will be a special service indeed, mark your calendars!

On May 24th, our Composer Club/Singer-songwriter concert returns! This time the concert will be the most mixed-musical genre offering you'll ever hear, ranging from all styles of popular music, contemporary classical, electronica and you won't be able to predict what will happen next! The concert starts at 7pm and is free other than a voluntary love offering, we look forward to seeing you there!

Pictured above are the singer-songwriters who were featured at last Spring's concert, we hope to not only have our previous performers return but shall add to the roster for your musical enjoyment, we look forward to seeing you there!

Friends of the Armed Forces

As I write this article for the newsletter, my son Pedro and his team are preparing to leave for Afghanistan. By the time you read this, they will be there. Stephen Keyes recently arrived in Afghanistan as well. As soon as I have addresses, we will begin shipping care packages once again. There have been some specific requests for items that will be needed for these deployments. Any donation may be placed in the wicker Basket in the narthex.

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

Thank you for your continued Support! In his service, Jodi.

SAVE THE DATE!

Zion Lutheran Potluck Dinner

Sunday, June 3, 2018
beginning at 5:30 p.m.

We hope all of you will join us as we wish Greg, Gesine, Conrad, Marlene and Charlotte well as they move to Iowa and also enjoy an evening with old friends and new.

The party will be informal, including a potluck and BYOB. There will be no need for an RSVP; we will simply set up extra tables and chairs as more people arrive. What food should you bring? Whatever you enjoy preparing. If we have too few main courses and too many desserts (is that possible?), your sweet tooth will also enjoy the evening.

We will take care of the tables, chairs, silverware, plates and cups. I think Jerry plans to barbecue kielbasa, too. Please realize we have very little oven and refrigerator space to keep food hot or cold. And if you've ever seen the size of our kitchen, you realize there is little room to prepare anything once you get here. So please keep it simple.

We hope you will join us! Dianne and Jerry Hooton

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MISSION & OUTREACH

Thanks to all who continue to offer two items of food as part of our "Communion Food Collection" effort for the benefit of those in need at the Gospel Center Rescue Mission here in Stockton.

At this writing, we are busy preparing for the 30th Earth Day Festival on Sunday, April 22nd, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Victory Park, behind the Haggin Museum, where we will have a booth as part of our ongoing effort to have a greater presence in the community.

Coming soon will be the resumption of the "Matthew 25" program, i. e. small meals in a plastic bag that you can offer to someone that is hungry here in Stockton or anywhere. You can keep a few bags in your vehicle so you have something to offer to a person in need when you come upon them.

Mission & Outreach, Tom Turnrose, Chairman

Prime Timers

Primer Timers Monthly Meeting: Thursday May 3rd, Fireside Room. Bring a small lunch item to share if you can. We will have an interesting surprise travel speaker regarding China and the several Pacific locations. This will be our final monthly meeting and will resume in September.

Bus Trip: Prime Timers Christmas charities bus trip to Black Hawk casino, Thursday May 17. A fund raiser for Christmas charities. Sign-up with either Laverne Gondry, or Tom Rasmussen. Sign-up by May 10, fee is \$15. The bus boarding fee is \$10 or \$12, you will receive about \$15 coupons for lunch and/or play. Bus leaves from Wal Mart out east on Hammer Lane, 8:30 a.m. (last year we dispersed over \$400 to local charities.) Tom Rasmussen

Treasurer

I wish to thank the congregation for entrusting me as your Church Treasurer these past three years. We have a wonderful congregation. Elaine Werner will do a fantastic job as the new Treasurer.

Tom Rasmussen

Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for your cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and prayers during my recent health scare.

Your thoughts and kindness were greatly appreciated.

Margaret Colin



As we move into the summer, the FTSOA program has some great events planned.

Our Summer Art Camp for kids will be held on June 18th-21st from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. This summer program covers a wide range of art media and styles and is a great opportunity for the kids to express their artistic side. The Art Camp is open to all kids ages 6-12, and registration begins April 30th. For more information call the Church office at (209)477-0259 or go to our web site at www.zlcstockton.org/art.

Due to a scheduling conflict, our planned 'Paint 'n Sip' fundraiser (originally planned for late April) had to be postponed. Plans are still in the works for this event, and detail will be posted on the church's web site as well as before Sunday morning services when we get all of the details worked out.

Until next time, hope everyone has a blessed day. Christopher DeRoos FTSOA

WORSHIP and MUSIC

The Worship and Music Committee continues to meet monthly, often working behind the scenes. One of the more visible functions is the changing display in the narthex area. Churchgoers have enjoyed the wall of crosses which has been featured during the seasons of Lent and Easter. Many thanks to everyone who shared their special crosses with us. They will remain up through May 20, when we celebrate Confirmation and Pentecost. The crosses will be returned to the counter across the narthex and people should be sure to collect those they brought beginning May 27. Names should be on the back of each.

A new Pascal candle, just next to the altar, has been burning every Sunday since Easter, while upgrades to the sound system and replacement of the well-worn green paraments are in the works.

Apart from Pastor Ryan and our music director Rhondda, the committee works with volunteers. We welcome Jan Stuber to the altar guild this month and are always ready to welcome anyone who might be interested in singing in the choir, serving as communion assistant or lay assistant, or ushering.

Finally, there are still open Sundays for donating flowers in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion or simply to share with the congregation. The cost is \$50 and you may leave the flowers to be enjoyed during the week or take them home with you after the service. The chart is on the kiosk in the narthex and flowers must be paid for at the time you sign up, with your check placed into the provided envelope and dropped into the offering plate.

Lynne Terry



Voices of Zion Interview with Deborah Griffin

When did you first come to Zion?

I moved to Manteca in 2012 from Freemont, via Chicago. When I moved to the area I looked on ELCA.org to find a congregation. I visited four congregations in the area before finding Zion.

What do you do?

I am the Director of Financial Aid and Veteran Affairs at Ohlone College in Freemont.

What is your faith background?

I am a lifelong Lutheran. I was baptized and confirmed in the Missouri synod. In my 20's I switched to the ALC and have been a part of the ELCA since the merger. I was very active in the Chicago synod for years.

Do you have a favorite Hymn or Bible story?

Earth and All Stars (# 731 in the Red Hymnal)

What is your favorite part about Zion?

Sunday morning church and communion has always been a big part of my life. It always bothered me when churches don't have communion every week as it is an important physical connection with God. I try to make it to church as often as I can. And it is fun having a faith community to be with.

What has changed at Zion over the years?

I've not been here that long but going through the pastoral changes. Pastor Kirstin's worship style is different than Pastor Ryan's. My church in Chicago was a very "high church" with kneeling and incense and I like the strong ties to liturgy so I appreciate some of the changes Pastor Ryan has made.

How are you involved at Zion?

I am an assisting minister and am involved with the women's group as much as I can. My work schedule and work location keep me from being more involved.

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

The day the artist came in to make the mural which hangs at the front of our sanctuary, was an amazing day. He painted during the service and it started upside down. We watched him paint throughout the service. When he flipped the painting right side up, there was a collective "wow" because we could finally tell what it was.

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

I like to sit near the front. If I have too much movement near me I get distracted. When my kids were little we were front row people.

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

Beyond welcoming them I would say I hope to see them again. I'd invite them to come and sit with me the next time. By Burke Wallace

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May 6

Assisting Minister
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Usher

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May 13

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Usher
Usher

Dan Terry
Cynthia Guest
Wil Popuch
Pete Lepisto

May 20

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Usher
Usher

John Pulver
Dee Pulver

May 27

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Usher
Usher

Dianne Hooton
Judi Renberg
Jerry Hooton

June 3

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Usher
Usher

Greg Rohlf
Esther Reushe
Gesine Gerhard
Pete Lepiosto

June 10

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Usher
Usher

Deborah Griffin
Sharyn Carr
Wil Popuch
Bob Carr

June 17

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Usher
Usher

Tom Rasmussen
Joyce Morken
Elaine Werner
Bill Werner

June 24

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Usher
Usher

Phil Spohn
Nancy Turnrose
Tom Turnrose
Norm Randolph



- 5/1 Ryan Guest
- 5/3 Greg Rohlf
- 5/4 Calvin Henderson
- 5/5 Lee Christianson
- 5/6 Esther Reusche
- 5/6 Katelyn Messersmith
- 5/14 Gary Dingman
- 5/15 Stephanie Steele
- 5/16 George Schilling
- 5/19 Angelia Palomino
- 5/21 RJ Orr
- 5/26 Lance Lundgren
- 5/28 Karen Schultz
- 5/31 Brodie Lundgren
- 6/1 Jerry Hooton
- 6/2 Connie Crawford
- 6/7 Mary Pulver
- 6/8 Gary McKnight
- 6/15 Charles Leberman
- 6/18 Gregory Rice
- 6/19 Lance Lundgren
- 6/20 Tim Schultz
- 6/23 Kristine Guest
- 6/23 Jordan Carr
- 6/24 Jane Rasmussen
- 6/25 Ana Landa



- 5/8 Tina & Bobby Carr
- 6/12 Linda & Les Lundgren
- 6/13 Marcie & Ed Sizemore
- 6/23 Dee Y John Pulver

Property Committee

A change has been made to Buildings & Grounds. Buildings and Grounds has become the Property Committee. A committee of members which include Pastor Ryan, Burke Wallace, Chris DeRoos, Alex Hlavacek, Jerry Hooten, and myself have established the Property Committee and begun work on several projects. Like Buildings and Grounds, the Property Committee will manage and oversee the continued maintenance and upkeep of Zion Lutheran Church's physical buildings and grounds and will identify and oversee special projects approved by the Pastor and/or the Church Council.

The following small projects are currently being dealt with:

- Installing Banner posts where the old sign was on the corner of Porter and Gettysburg
- Reprogram the lights in the chancel area for our Wednesday night service
- Installed new handrails on the ramps leading to the Sanctuary
- Adding gravel to the planters in front of the Sanctuary
- Finish installing the window in the Sanctuary to replace the broken one
- Checking on the outside flood lights to make sure they are working
- Fixing the angle of the dip between the driveway of the parking lot and the street.

Our larger projects include fixing the plumbing issue in Grace Hall, resurfacing our parking lot, and moving the fence line out toward the end of Grace Hall to enclose the space behind Grace Hall. These larger projects will be completed over a longer period of time. We will be tackling the plumbing issue and possibly the parking lot this year.

Our work days have now become quarterly work days due to the lack of attendance at the monthly work day. This is primarily because members who complete different tasks are completing them throughout the month as they are able to, thus making the monthly work days ineffective. We will focus these new work days towards completing projects, as a lot of the tasks usually done during the work days are now done by Alex, our custodian. There will be something for **everyone** to do on the quarterly work days. A list of tasks will be announced prior to the workday, and will be posted on the kiosk in the narthex.

The 2018 Work Days will be on

2nd Quarter - Saturday, May 19th @ 8:30am

3rd Quarter - Saturday, Sept 8th @ 8:30am

4th Quarter - Saturday, Nov 10th @ 8:30am

Holiday Work Day - Saturday, Dec 8th @ 9:30am

The Holiday Work Day will be used to make sure the Sanctuary and grounds are ready for all of the Christmas events that will be taking place. The focus will be on last minute small fixes, and doing a thorough cleaning and polishing of the Sanctuary.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Property Committee, you may join us at one of our scheduled meetings which are listed below and online on our events calendar:

2nd Quarter – Sunday April 29, 2018 @ 11:30 am in the Fireside Room

3rd Quarter – Sunday August 12, 2018 @ 10:30 am in the Fireside Room

4th Quarter – Sunday October 7, 2018 @ 11:30 am in the Fireside Room

Holiday Work Day Meeting – Sunday, November 18, 2018 @ 11:30 am in the Fireside Room

Blessings to all, Stephanie Hensley

May 2018

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8:30am Cantor/Choir Practice 9:00am Bible Study 10:00am Worship 11:15am 11:15	4:00pm ETSOA Kids 6:00pm Council (FS)	10:00am Worship & Music 7:00pm Portsmen	4:00pm League of Women Voters (FS) 6:30pm Midweek Worship 7:00pm Choir Practice	7:00am Men's Breakfast 12:00pm Primetimers		10:00am ETSOA Adults
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