

Newsletter for July/August 2018



For The Sake Of Art just wrapped up our annual Summer Art Camp, and it was a great success. I want to thank everyone who volunteers who helped out: Connie Crawford, Jane Rasmussen, Sharyn Carr, Lani Leberman and Brenda DeRoos. All of your hard work is very appreciated.

Our annual fund-raiser is coming up, and plans for this year's event include having a classic car show, compliments of the American Steel Car Club of Lodi. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Bill and Connie Crawford's house in Morada. More information is available at the church office or on our web site: zlcstockton.org/art.

And finally, while its still a couple months away, I would like to invite everyone to attend one of our adult art classes and tell anyone you know who has kids about our kids classes.

The kids classes are for children grade 1 through 8, and are held every Monday afternoon from 4:00-5:30 p.m. The classes for the adults are held on the first Saturday of the month from September through May (September's class will be on the 8th due to Labor Day weekend) from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, and we are planning on having even more guest artists to come in and teach the classes.

Well, that's about it for this issue. Until next month, may you all have a blessed and enjoyable (and hopefully not to hot) summer.

Christopher DeRoos
For The Sake Of Art Ministry





Grace and peace to you all,

I hope this letter finds you well as we enter into the summer months.

It was an exciting Pentecost, and a great pleasure to have Bishop Mark and Bishop David with us, as we celebrated Pentecost and confirmation. Thank you to the many people who helped to make this a wonderful day of worship, confirmation, and fellowship with our sisters and brothers from St. Anne's Episcopal. We will be joining St. Anne's for joint worship on September 2 at 9:00am at St. Anne's, and additional worship and joint choir ventures are planned for later in the year (including another Advent Lessons and Carols service).

We will move back to our non-summer schedule including Wednesday night worship, choir, and a return to 10:00am worship starting on September 9. Adult Education will resume on this Sunday with a traditional Rally Day Picnic Potluck in the courtyard to kick off the start of the year! Adult Education this next year will consist of four classes:

- Backgrounds of the New Testament
- Evangelical/ism: What is it?
- A Year in the Church: The History and Spirituality of the Church Calendar
- Theology with St. Augustine and St. Aquinas

If you have not joined us recently for our Adult Education time I encourage you to try one of our classes this fall.

Please make sure you check out the announcements in the bulletin insert, check out the kiosk in the Narthex, and follow the calendar on our website as there are many things happening at Zion over the coming months.

I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High. (Psalm 7:17)

Peace to you all,
Pastor Ryan



Voices of Zion

Interview with Tianna Cooper

When did you first come to Zion?

I first started coming when I was six years old. I started coming after school on Wednesdays and having fun. We did music, arts and crafts, and then we'd all come together for dinner.

What do you do?

I am a care giver. In August I'll be starting school at Delta College.

What is your faith background?

My faith background is strong with Zion but not too strong in that I don't think I'm better than other people. Zion allows me to be free. I don't know my faith fully yet even though I completed confirmation. I like to visit other churches to learn about their faith. Before I came to Zion, my whole family grew up Jehovah's Witness.

Do you have a favorite Hymn or Bible story?

My favorite Bible story is Jonah and the Whale. We made a song to it with hand motions.

What has kept you coming to Zion?

The previous music director felt like a sort of a mom for me. After being gone for awhile I started coming back because I missed the people in the congregation.

What has changed at Zion over the years?

I have grown a lot over my time here. I have learned things I should and shouldn't do. What has changed is there are less kids now because of how our world is with the violence and changes.

How are you involved at Zion?

I am a part of the choir and occasionally cantor. I miss some of the old events we used to do but am glad there is Vacation Bible School and will be helping out with that.

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

I liked "Christmas: Where When, and Why" which was the Christmas play we used to do. It was really cool and I would help out directing and at the last minute I had to be put in the play as a character and sing a Christmas rap!

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

I don't like sitting in the back or in the middle. I like sitting in the second pew so I'm not in the very front.

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

Most definitely come back. I would hope they found some inspiration or beliefs within themselves to start their day. Come and participate in some of the events we have.

By Burke Wallace



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| Peggy Bettcher | 7/7 |
| Karen Olsen | 7/11 |
| Toni Lundgren | 7/12 |
| Carole Flynn | 4/15 |
| Jan Stuber | 7/16 |
| Dianne Hooton | 7/17 |
| Kay Howell | 7/22 |
| Neva Thompson | 7/27 |
| Tony Cayuela | 7/28 |
| Donald Rice | 7/29 |
| Lester Lundgren | 7/29 |
| Rowdie Lundgren | 7/30 |
| Lynne Terry | 8/2 |
| Randi Dingman | 8/2 |
| Stephanie Hensley | 8/5 |
| John Pulver | 8/6 |
| Robert Lee | 8/7 |
| Martin Messersmith | 8/7 |
| Bill Werner | 8/11 |
| Gesine Gerhard | 8/19 |
| Ryan Messersmith | 8/19 |
| Cynthia Rice-Mason | 8/21 |
| Dorothy Broin | 8/22 |
| Ryan Eikenbary | 8/24 |
| Doreen Spohn | 8/27 |

Happy Anniversary

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| Justin & Stephanie Hensley | 7/16 |
| Tom & Nancy Turnrose | 8/12 |
| Steve & Nancy Steele | 8/12 |
| Dan & Lynne Terry | 8/13 |
| Chuck & Marcy Beck | 8/19 |
| Dave & Bev Schroeder | 8/26 |
| Gary & Randi Dingman | 8/26 |

On Saturday May 19th we had our first quarterly property work day. We had eight parishioners in attendance. Thanks to: Tom, Dan, Vaness, Gary, Deann, Lee, and Pastor Ryan. We landscaped, installed new faucets in the Grace Hall kitchen, and installed a new sign on the corner of our property. This is an easy way to let our neighbors know when our services are. Each sign is approximately \$80. Let Burke know if you'd like to sponsor one as we will create them for our different schedules. Our next quarterly workday will be Saturday September 8th. Please mark your calendars and plan to help with property upkeep.



Our property projects are focused on two goals: safety and beautification. Our biggest project is using money from the endowment to pay for repaving our front and back parking lots. This is a significant cost but also improvement for our grounds. As part of fixing our parking lot we will begin locking the parking lot gates each evening. New combo locks have been purchased and anyone who may need to get into the big parking lot after hours can have the combo. Parking in the front parking lot and along the street will always be available. This will help ensure our new parking lot stays nice and also save the church money by prohibiting people from dumping furniture and trash on our property which we have to pay to haul to the dump. It will also save time by not having to pick up as much large trash items and increases safety by prohibiting people from parking overnight.

In June we launched the Adopt-A-Landscape initiative where you can adopt a section of our property through summer 2019. This will help share the work required to keep up our property and allows you to beautify a manageable section of our landscaping. Please review the map which is posted in the Narthex and church office and select a section you are willing to adopt. Let Diane or Burke know which section you want and we'll cross that section off the map so others know it is adopted!

Some of the other projects we're researching are adding additional security locks to external doors and moving the fence on the east side of Grace hall closer towards Porter Ave, thereby keeping people from camping behind Grace hall. Both of these projects are to make our property safer and in response to recent vandalism issues we've faced.

submitted by: Burke Wallace

2018 Synod Assembly Recap By Christopher and Brenda DeRoos



We attended this year's Synod Assembly Meeting in Sacramento as the representatives of our congregation and had a very enjoyable and informative experience.

The keynote speaker for the assembly was Rozella White, who spoke about being a neighbor by "Seeing, Knowing and Loving". She invited everyone to turn their judgments into curiosity, and to make connections between what's happening within our churches and what's happening outside of them. She also challenged us to value our feelings as much as we value our thinking. "To be truly human, we need to accept all of who God made us to be." She also said that we need to be aware of what we truly value. She said as disciples of Jesus, we say we value our relationship with God through Christ, so why is it so hard for many of us to tell the stories about how Jesus has changed our lives, but we have no problems talking about things we are passionate about, like movies, hobbies, family, etc.

Bishop Mark Holmerud's report to the Assembly was grounded in the words of Romans 12. He challenged us to give up our love affairs with our buildings and change the "Unwelcome mats" at our doors to true "Welcome mats", with communities that truly welcome the neighbor with all of their gifts. Bishop Mark also encouraged the Assembly to do the hard work of being church together by embracing creative models of ministry from other places across the church, both domestically and globally. He reminded us that our greatest assets are our faith and our people, not our properties.

The Synod also passed their annual budgets for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 fiscal years. There was much discussion about this topic, and it was pointed out that the Synod has been able to stay within budget for the last three years. The version that was discussed most was the 'deficit-neutral' budget, which allows the SPS to operate 'in the black', but with little or no financial support for some programs that the Synod has supported in the past, such as the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Lutheran Social Services and the ELCA Campus Ministry Grant fund. This will however save Sierra Pacific Synod about \$181,000 over the fiscal year. If the Synod is able to gather the funds for the approved budget, then those additional programs would still receive funding.

Finally, next year's assembly gathering will be in neighboring Lodi, and will be a one-day event. It was decided that they will do this every three years (which are typically less busy) would not only save time and money, but Lodi was selected due to it being the most central location in the Synod. Plans are to hold the assembly at the Lodi Grape Festival grounds, and it was even suggested that our congregation could assist St. Paul's in Lodi with the event.

We really enjoyed the opportunity to represent the Zion congregation at the Synod Assembly this year, and encourage everyone to consider taking a turn at representing our church at one of the future assemblies.

Serving July & August

July 1

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| Assisting Minister | Dan Terry |
| Communion Assistant | Judi Renberg |
| Usher | Pete Lepisto |
| Usher | Charlie Leberman |

July 8

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| Assisting Minister | Lynne Terry |
| Communion Assistant | Jan Stuber |
| Usher | Gary McKnight |
| Usher | Norm Randolph |

July 15

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| Assisting Minister | Bill Crawford |
| Communion Assistant | Connie Crawford |
| Usher | Chris DeRoos |
| Usher | Brenda DeRoos |

July 22

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| Assisting Minister | Dianne Hooton |
| Communion Assistant | Sharyn Carr |
| Usher | Jerry Hooton |
| Usher | Bob Carr |

July 29

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| Assisting Minister | Tom Rasmussen |
| Communion Assistant | Jan Rasmussen |
| Usher | Shirley Montgomery |
| Usher | LaVerne Gondry |

August 5

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| Assisting Minister | Phil Spohn |
| Communion Assistant | Joyce Morken |
| Usher | Pete Lepisto |
| Usher | Burke Wallace |

August 12

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| Assisting Minister | Deborah Griffin |
| Communion Assistant | Judi Renberg |
| Usher | Sharyn Carr |
| Usher | Bob Carr |

August 19

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| Assisting Minister | Dianne Hooton |
| Communion Assistant | Jerry Hooton |
| Usher | Bill Werner |
| Usher | Elaine Werner |

August 26

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| Assisting Minister | Bill Crawford |
| Communion Assistant | Connie Crawford |
| Usher | Nancy Turnrose |
| Usher | Tom Turnrose |



Faith Night at the Stockton Ports

Saturday, August 18, at 7pm, tickets are \$8.00
See Jan Stuber or Judi Renberg for tickets and details.

Women's Retreat

It is once more time to discuss the Women's Retreat which will be on October 19-21 at Eagle's Rest in Twain Harte.

The presenter will be Caroline Henshaw. The theme will be "Be Still and Know that I Am God" and will be based on the works of Joan Bocsenco; author of Minding the Body and Mending the Mind, A Woman's Journey To God, and Inner Peace For a Busy Woman. All are welcome including non- members. The retreat will cost \$125.00, put in envelope and turn in to office or in collection plate, please make sure to mark it, Women's Retreat.

If you have questions contact Sharyn Carr 478-6032 or Vaness Kuhlmann 473-3001.



Message from Carol Koster

Carol Koster called this morning to catch up on Zion. Her comment was that Zion might be last in the alphabet but it is first in caring for and loving each other. She enjoys getting the newsletter and sends her love and best

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Thank you for your continued support of this ministry! We currently have five troops, (1 soldier and 4 airmen) in Afghanistan that we are supporting with care packages. Your donations of goods and mailing funds are sincerely appreciated. A list of most needed items for care packages is located on bulletin board in Narthex. Picture is of Aaron Thalman

In His Service,
~Jodi



Please cut this flyer out and post it on your fridge as a reminder to bring food each week to help the homeless and food insecure in our community.

**GOSPEL CENTER
RESCUE MISSION**

- canned or dry beans
- rice or other grains
- whole grain pasta
- pasta sauce
- apple sauce
- peanut butter, or other nut butters
- rolled oats
- canned fruit in its own juice or water
- canned vegetables
- meals in a can (soup, stew, chili)
- canned chicken or tuna
- olive or canola oil
- low-sugar whole grain cereals
- shelf stable milk or milk-substitutes
- honey
- chicken, beef, or vegetable stock
- healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit)

Please avoid items packed in glass. Think healthy.
Bring items to church on Sunday





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