

Zion Lutheran Church

January/February Newsletter

Announcement of Zion Lutheran Church Annual Meeting:

On January 27, 2019, at the end of the church service we will have our January congregational meeting. We will select four members of the nomination committee, approve the budget for the year, update you on the west wall reconstruction, and have the second vote of constitution changes. The constitution changes will be changing the quorum from 50 to 35. Because the present quorum is 50 it is very important that members are present so our votes count. There will be more information coming in the future.

Thank you,
Vaness Kuhlman, Council President

Directory and Database Information Update Form

We are collecting information for a new parish directory and to update information in our database. Please fill out this form and return it to the office or put it in the offering plate by January 31, 2019. We will only be putting name, address, phone number, and email information in directory, the rest is to update our database. Please indicate if you would like your information to appear in the directory. We hope to have the new directory ready this spring.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Mailing Address _____

Birthday _____

Anniversary _____

Military Service/Rank _____

I would like my information in the new directory: YES NO



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Pastors Letter:

Grace and peace,

Happy New Year to you all. We had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season together, one that was filled with beautiful music and worship of our great God. Thanks to everyone who helped make our Advent Festival, Lessons & Carols service, and so many other events happen.

This year the Epiphany of our Lord falls on Sunday, January 6, 2019. The Zion community is invited to our home that evening for an Epiphany Party Open House from 4:30-6:30pm. We hope to see many of you there. Additional information will be given out in church.

In December, our adult education hour began to look at American Evangelicalism. The goal is to help us better understand this large segment of Americas religious population. Later this winter we will change topics to learn about the Church Year; including its traditions and history.

Please make sure you continue check out the announcements in the bulletin insert, on the kiosk in the Narthex, and follow the calendar on our website as there are always things happening at Zion. We will hand out additional information about the Lenten season in February.

Blessings to you all as we enter into another year of love and service to our God and our neighbors.

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (Psalm 8:9)

Peace to you all,
Pastor Ryan



Zion Chamber Orchestra Schedule for 2019:

The 18th annual Zion Chamber Orchestra Festival will run Jan. 13-Feb. 1, 2019. Music Director and Conductor Paul Kimball leads the Festival at Zion Lutheran Church. Our professional Zion Chamber Orchestra performs at 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 13 and Jan. 20, 2019, featuring works by Mozart, Schubert, Bach, Brahms and Beethoven, and soloists Patrick Galvin, violin and Lisa Van Der Ploeg, vocalist. At 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1, 201, the Zion Pops Choir presents "A Tribute to Classic American Musicals," with accompanist Tom Coyon.

Friends of the Armed Forces:

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the pie sale fundraiser. We raised \$540 to help fray the costs of shipping care packages!

I am excited to report that Pedro Landa, Aaron Thalmann, Jadon Stone and Bobby Jeannetti have completed their deployment at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan and are back on U.S. soil at their duty bases! Thank you again for all your prayers and support!!

As part of their return and reintegration into a non-combat environment, the men spent 4 days participating in the USAF Deployment Transition Center at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany.

(https://www.ramstein.af.mil/Portals/6/documents/DTC/DTC%20FAQ_2018.pdf?ver=2018-02-01-071034-740) In this part of the Ramstein campus, there is a place called "Karen's Closet" where the service members participating in this program can pick up needed items free of charge. Some things that are available are toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant and other personal hygiene items, new and like new civilian clothes, and socks. Snack items are also available. Karen's Closet relies solely on donations. We would like to support this program by doing some special collections of specific items, perhaps 2-4 times during the next year. More information to come...

We will continue to support Stephen Keyes and Matthew Best with care packages, as well as the 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron in Afghanistan. Please let me know if you have any questions, and as always, thank you for your continued support!

In His service,
Jodi

Flower Chart for 2019:

The new Flower Chart for 2019 has been posted in the narthex. If you would like to remember someone or honor a special person or occasion, this is the place to sign up. Put your name on the chart for the date you would like and take an envelope from the box next to the Flower Chart. You will need to fill out your name, who or what the flowers are to honor and include your check for \$50. Please place the envelope in the offering plate. All flowers are prepaid. On the day you have donated flowers, you may take them home or leave them to be enjoyed during the week.

For the Sake of Art Ministry:

The FTSOA (For The Sake Of Art) ministry will be resuming classes in the month of January on Saturday the 5th for the adults and Monday the 7th for the kids.

Patti Wallace of Lodi will be our guest artist for the month of January. This artist works with a wide range of Mediums including water color, oils, pencil and other media. And in the month of February, Zion's own Stephanie Hensley will be the featured guest artist, and already has some great projects in store.

January will also see prep work start for our annual student art show in May as well as promotion of the ministry program to the community at large. If you or anyone you know would like to help with this program, please contact Chris DeRoos at (209)915-3208.

Until the next issue, the members of the FTSOA Ministry hope you have a great 2019.

-The FTSOA Ministry Team

Chamber Orchestra Festival:

The 18th annual Zion Chamber Orchestra Festival, under the baton of Music Director and Conductor Paul Kimball, will run Jan. 13-Feb. 1, 2019, and present the only professional chamber orchestra in northern California.

In the intimate setting of Zion Lutheran Church, the chamber orchestra will be heard at 5 p.m., Sundays, Jan. 13 and Jan. 20, featuring works by Mozart, Schubert, Back, Brahms and Beethoven, and soloists Patrick Galvin, violin and Lisa van der Ploeg, mezzo-soprano.

The Zion Pops Choir will offer a "Tribute to the Classic American Musicals," with pianist Tom Coyon, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1. Please note: Zion parishioners are invited to sing in this marvelous production. Are you interested? Please give Paul Kimball a call directly at 598-8410.

This festival was founded in 2001 by Professor George Buckbee and Peter Ottesen at St. John's Church in downtown Stockton, and has been held continuously ever since. We are proud to be aligned with Zion Lutheran Church and embraced by Pastor Ryan Eikenbary and parishioners. We look forward for many years of collaboration together to bring classical music to our community.

Ticket prices have remained stable for more than a decade: \$20 per concert or just \$45 for the entire series. They are available through Secretary Genevieve Galli at the Zion Church office and B Sharp Music in Lodi. All seats are unreserved. And, what about students? Tickets are only \$5 and available only through Genevieve.

For complete information about the Zion Chamber Orchestra Festival go to the church website: **www.zlcstockton.org** and click on the link. Want to buy tickets on line? You may do so through Pay Pal. The festival is indebted to Burke Wallace for his technical skills to make the website a reality.

Thank you Pete Ottesen

2018 Property Year in Review:

Happy 2019 friends! Our 2018 budget for property upkeep was \$4,000. This was mostly spent on materials, cleaning supplies, replacement items, and fixing broken windows from our multiple break-ins. There was an additional budget amount that provided for our weekly landscaping maintenance service. Any significant expenses were covered by our endowment fund. We also received hundreds of dollars of in-kind donations. This means Zion members buying items for the property directly without being reimbursed or replacing/fixing an item that we would have otherwise had to pay someone to fix. Thank you for your generosity of the in-kind donations!

When we reflect upon how large our property is for our size congregation and the reality that all physical items have a life-cycle, our small budget will cover the basic upkeep of our property but will not be able to pay for major repairs or expenses. As an aging congregation, we are increasingly relying on contractors and vendors to do the repair and replacing of broken items. This means added expense and with the stock market now more volatile, we can rely less on our endowment fund. Currently there is no one to lead the property committee and there are no future property workdays planned. Please consider increasing your tithe or your volunteer hours at the church to help in this coming year. Please also prayerfully consider a long-term solution for a property that is increasingly becoming too large for us to manage.

Here is a look at some of the accomplishments regarding our property in 2018

- the classrooms were emptied out in preparation for hosting family promise
- sprinkler heads were replaced
- a new sign was installed on the corner of our property which advertises our service times
- windows were replaced after multiple break-ins
- projector and computer were replaced after break-ins
- microphones were replaced after break-ins
- security cameras were installed around our property
- external lighting was fixed to provide greater safety at night
- the gate behind Grace Hall was moved forward to the front of our property to protect the back side of our building
- the parking lot was repaved and repainted (including adding a basketball key for neighborhood kids to play)
- locks were purchased for our parking lot gates and we began locking the gates at night
- security/warning signs were added around campus
- our alarm system was fixed in the sanctuary
- additional locks were added to external doors
- loose tiles at the front of the sanctuary were removed for safety reasons
- an underground drain pipe which caused regular toilet back-ups in Grace Hall was fixed
- the Grace Hall kitchen was organized and cleaned
- new baseboards were added in Grace hall
- trees and shrubs were pruned
- gutters were cleaned out and all of the leaves were picked up

Voices of Zion interview with Jodi Landa:

When did you first come to Zion?

I don't remember the year but Pastor Cheryl was still here. After moving to Stockton, I still occasionally went to my Lutheran church in the Bay Area but it got to be too much so we didn't go to church for a while. My family kept pushing me to go back to church and we found Zion as the only ELCA church in town.

What do you do?

I am a bilingual family liaison at Ripon Elementary School. I support students who don't speak English as their first language. I also support their families in many different capacities.

What is your faith background?

I am a life-long Lutheran. I was born and raised in Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church in San Jose. The pastor that baptized me and was my God-Father.

Do you have a favorite Hymn or Bible story?

One of my favorite verses is Revelation 21:1-7 which talks about there being no more tears and pain because the former things have passed away. When my grandma passed away, I was 13 and it was the first funeral I'd ever been to and the Salvation Army chaplain read that passage and it really hit me what a beautiful thing we have to look forward to after death!

What has kept you coming to Zion?

The people. And of course, God and Jesus. If it wasn't for those three things I probably wouldn't come. At Lutheran churches people know people, which I like. The Pastor knows you too.

What has changed at Zion over the years?

A lot of things have changed. People have come and gone. To me that's been the biggest change.

How are you involved at Zion?

I run the "Friends of the Armed Forces" ministry. We collect items to help take care of our deployed military service members and we honor those that have served through special services.

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

My pew is more or less in the same area as where I sat when I was growing up as a child in San Jose. My mom used to tell me to sit by a certain ceiling beam about half way back from the alter which is where I sit now.

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

Come to the different activities and get involved. See how welcome you are and how quickly we will pull you into the fold!

January/February Calendar

Weekly Activities:

Sunday

8:15am Cantor/Choir Practice
 9:00am Adult Education
 10:00am Sunday Worship

Monday

11:00am Banjo Practice
 4-5:30pm FTSOA-Kids
 7:00pm Prayer Group (second & fourth Monday)

Tuesday

7:00pm Bible Study
 11:00am Esther's Circle (fourth Tuesday)

Wednesday

6:30pm Midweek Worship
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday

7:00am Men's Breakfast
 12:00pm Primetimers (first Thursday of month)

Saturday

10:00am FTSOA-Adults (first Saturday of month)

Upcoming Events:

1/6: Pasto's Open House

Epiphany Party Open House at Pastor Ryan's 4-6:30pm

1/13: Chamber Orchestra Concert #1

Please Join us for our annual Chamber Orchestra Concert held at Zion at 5:30pm

1/13: Chamber Orchestra Concert #2

Please Join us for our annual Chamber Orchestra Concert held at Zion at 5:30pm

1/27: Congregational Meeting

Will be held immediately after Worship.

2/1: Chamber Orchestra Pops Concert

Please Join us for our annual Chamber Orchestra Pops Concert held at Zion at 7:30pm

Congregation Birthday's:

1/3 Cynthia Guest
 1/4 Linda Lundgren
 1/16 Lani Leberman
 1/30 Karen Cayuela
 2/10 Jared Rice
 2/14 Pete Lepisto
 2/16 Margaret Colin
 2/26 Brenda DeRoos
 2/27 Phil Spohn

Congregation Anniversaries:

1/29 Jodi & Javier Landa
 2/12 Connie & Bill Crawford

Serving January/February

January 6

Assisting Minister	Phil Spohn
Communion Assistant	Joyce Morken
Usher	Pete Lepisto
Usher	LaVerne Gondry

January 13

Assisting Minister	Jan Stuber
Communion Assistant	Nancy Turnrose
Usher	Norm Randolph
Usher	Tom Turnrose

January 20

Assisting Minister	Bill Crawford
Communion Assistant	Connie Crawford
Usher	Shirley Montgomery
Usher	Charlie Leberman

January 27

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

February 3

Assisting Minister	Lynne Terry
Communion Assistant	Dan Terry
Usher	Pete Lepisto
Usher	LaVerne Gondry

February 10

Assisting Minister	Phil Spohn
Communion Assistant	Judi Renberg
Usher	Norm Randolph
Usher	Shirley Montgomery

February 17

Assisting Minister	Tom Rasmussen
Communion Assistant	Jan Stuber
Usher	Elaine Werner
Usher	Bill Werner

February 23

Assisting Minister	Dan Terry
Communion Assistant	Sharyn Carr
Usher	Bob Carr
Usher	Charlie Leberman



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